

1 10A NCAC 13D .2605 is ~~adopted~~ amended with changes as published in NCR 26:15, pp. 1077-1081, as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .2605 DRUG STORAGE AND DISPOSITION**

4 (a) ~~The pharmacist and director of nursing~~ A facility shall ensure that drug storage areas are clean, secure, well  
5 lighted and well ventilated; that room temperature is maintained between 59 degrees F. and 86 degrees F.; and that  
6 the following conditions are met:

7 (1) All drugs shall be maintained under locked security except when under the ~~immediate or~~ direct  
8 physical supervision of a nurse or pharmacist.

9 (2) Drugs requiring refrigeration shall be stored in a refrigerator containing a thermometer and  
10 capable of maintaining a temperature range of 2 degrees C. to 8 degrees C. (36 degrees F. to 46  
11 degrees F.) ~~Drugs shall not be stored in a refrigerator containing non-drugs and non-drug related~~  
12 ~~items, except when stored in a separate container.~~ Drug containers must be placed in another  
13 container separate from non-drug items when stored in a refrigerator.

14 (3) Drugs intended for topical use, except for ophthalmic, otic and transdermal medications, shall be  
15 stored in a ~~designated~~ an area separate from the drugs intended for oral and injectable use.

16 (4) Drugs that are outdated, discontinued or deteriorated shall be removed from the facility within five  
17 days.

18 (b) Upon discontinuation of a drug or upon discharge of a patient, the remainder of the drug supply shall be  
19 disposed of ~~promptly~~ according to the facility's policy. If it is reasonably expected that the patient ~~shall~~ will return  
20 to the facility and that the drug therapy will be resumed, the remaining drug supply may be held for not more than  
21 30 calendar days after the date of discharge or discontinuation.

22 (c) The disposition of drugs shall be in accordance with written policies and procedures established by the Quality  
23 Assurance Committee.

24 (d) Destruction of controlled substances shall be in compliance with Disposal of Unused Controlled Substances  
25 From Nursing Home as described in North Carolina Controlled Substance Act and Regulations (10A NCAC 26E  
26 .0406) 10A NCAC 26E .0406, which is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments. ~~Copies~~  
27 ~~of the rules may be obtained from the Drug Regulatory Branch, Division of Mental Health, Developmental~~  
28 ~~Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, 3016 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699 3016 at a cost of thirteen~~  
29 ~~dollars (\$13.00).~~ These rules can be accessed online at <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>.

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32 RRC objection due to lack of statutory authority Eff. July 13, 1995;  
33 Eff. January 1, 1996. 1996;  
34 Amended Eff. July 1, 2012.