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PRIORITY PRESCRIPTION REQUEST

Policy:

A priority prescription request for a critical care patient may be submitted only when an inpatient medication is needed within a ten minute timeframe and when failure to administer the drug within that time period will adversely affect patient care and increase animal suffering. Types of drugs that may be considered for priority requests include, but are not limited to, sedatives and injectable analgesics.

Procedure:

1. The prescription request shall be submitted by the ICU student, technician, intern, resident or clinician and designated "priority".
2. The request shall be approved by the clinician, resident, intern or ICU technician.
3. Once approved, the request will appear at the top of the pharmacy fill screen with a "priority" designation.
4. Pharmacy staff will fill the order as soon as possible and within ten minutes of receiving the approved request.
5. Pharmacy personnel shall notify ICU personnel immediately if the order cannot be filled within ten minutes (e.g., the order lacks some information required for filling or some other problem is noted).
6. Priority requests shall be made for single orders only. Repeat doses require another prescription request.
7. The ICU Service Chief will alert the Chief of Pharmacy Services (and vice versa) if problems occur pertaining to priority requests.

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