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## College of Veterinary Medicine Policies and Procedures

Subject: **Stat Diazepam Orders from ICU  
Controlled Substance Cabinet**

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### **Stat Diazepam Orders From ICU Controlled Substance Cabinet**


Optimum treatment of status epilepticus necessitates immediate accessibility of diazepam injection in the Small Animal Intensive Care Unit. While diazepam injection is currently available in the ICU controlled substance cabinet for after-hours use, there is currently no protocol for daytime use from the ICU cabinet. The following protocol shall be used for ordering and administering a one-time STAT dose of diazepam from the ICU controlled substance cabinet during normal business hours of the Animal Health Center Pharmacy.

#### ***Protocol:***

1. The ICU technicians will have daytime access to the controlled substance cabinet in ICU.
2. Three 2ml vials of diazepam (along with tracking records) will be packaged in individual bags for **daytime** use in the ICU controlled substance cabinet.
3. The ICU technician will sign out the 3 vials from the Pharmacy each morning (M-F) and lock them in the ICU controlled substance cabinet.
4. It is the responsibility of the ICU technician to return **all** vials to the Pharmacy prior to going off duty in the afternoon.
5. During the day, **only** the technician may order and dispense a one-time STAT dose of diazepam for an individual patient in the following manner:
  - a) The technician administers a STAT dose using the appropriate number of vials in the ICU controlled substance cabinet.
  - b) The technician enters the prescription request in UVIS by selecting STAT diazepam 5mg/ml-2 ml ICU. Frequency and duration is "once more".

- c) The quantity ordered is entered using multiples of 2ml (e.g., the technician would enter the quantity of "2" for a patient needing a dose of 4ml or 20 mg).
- d) The technician shall enter their name in the comment section of the prescription request.
- e) The tracking record shall be completed by the technician and returned to the Pharmacy as soon as the STAT dose is administered and the technician is able to leave the patient.
- f) The student or technician must then enter another prescription request for Diazepam Seizure Watch if the need for additional doses is anticipated.

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