

**FLOYD MEDICAL CENTER
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
PATIENT CARE SERVICES**



TITLE: Dosage Adjustment for Renal Insufficiency	Policy No.: PCS-06-030
Purpose: To establish a procedure for the adjustment of medication dosing regimens in patients with renal insufficiency.	Developed Date: 7/96 Review Date: 10/06, 2/09, 2/13, 6/18 Revised Date: 7/04, 12/10, 4/15 Review Responsibility: Executive VP Chief of Patient Services/CNO, Nursing Leadership, Director of Pharmacy; Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator; Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
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Policy:

The pharmacist may adjust the dosing regimen of medications for the patient's renal function by writing or entering a per policy order from the physician.

1. When the following criteria are met, the pharmacist may adjust the dosing regimen of a medication for the patient's renal function:
 - ◆ The patient is currently receiving a medication that requires adjustment with renal insufficiency.
 - ◆ The dose the patient is currently receiving should be changed according to current medical literature for the patient/s estimated renal function.
2. The pharmacist will write or enter a per policy order from the physician to change the dosing regimen of the medication to the recommended dose for the patient's renal function.
3. The physician will sign the per policy order in the patient's medical record within forty-eight hours.
4. A physician may enter "Dispense as Written" to override the renal adjustment made by the clinical pharmacist.
5. The pharmacist may enter an order for the SrCr and/or weight to use in monitoring the patient's renal function. The pharmacist may also place these lab orders directly in Powerchart with a communication type of "protocol" under the physician who prescribed the medication that is being monitored.