



## MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

### CLOZARIL STANDARD TITRATION SCHEDULES

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**Policy:** PS-01

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- I. PURPOSE:** To establish a procedure to use special Licensed Independent Practitioner Orders and Medication Administration Records when initiating Clozaril (Clozapine) therapy.
- II. POLICY:** When the standard Clozaril Titration Schedule recommended by Clozapine REM is ordered by the Licensed Independent Practitioner, the Licensed Independent Practitioner may use the Clozaril Titration Schedule, or Physician Order. If Clozaril is ordered by the standard titration schedule the nurse may use the Clozaril Titration Schedule – MAR.
- III. DEFINITIONS:**
  - A. Licensed Independent Practitioner:** an active, provisional or part-time physician or APRN and or CNS who attends to the care of the patients at MSH.
  - B. MAR:** Medication Administration Record.
  - C. Clozapine REMS Program:** Is a “shared-system” program, meaning it includes all clozapine medicines approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Clozapine REMS Program ensures optimal patient monitoring for and management of clozapine-induced severe neutropenia, providing a centralized system for prescribers and pharmacists in managing patient risk, regardless of which clozapine product is being used.
- IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - A. Licensed Independent Practitioner:** When ordering Clozaril, the Licensed Independent Practitioner needs to state in detail the schedule of the medication.
  - B. Nurse:** When Clozaril is ordered, the nurse will clarify the medication dosing schedule.
- V. PROCEDURE:**
  - A.** Before Clozaril can be ordered or dispensed the Licensed Independent Practitioner must first order a CBC and send the results to the pharmacy for registration of the patient in the Clozaril REMS registry.
  - B.** Once the patient is approved the Licensed Independent Practitioner may write “Clozaril Standard Titration” on the Licensed Independent Practitioner’s Order Sheet indicating a start date and time.

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- C. The pharmacy will send a Clozaril Titration Schedule MAR along with the amount of medication needed to the unit to start the patient until the desired dose is reached.
1. This sheet must be treated as any other MAR. Blood pressure, pulse, and initials must be charted for each dose of Clozaril and signatures are required if initials are on the form.
- D. The Clozaril Titration Schedule MAR will be considered a permanent part of the patient's medical record.

**VI. REFERENCES:** None.

**VII. COLLABORATED WITH:** Medical Staff, Director of Nursing, Director of Pharmacy Services.

**VIII. RESCISSIONS:** PS-01, *Clozaril or Seroquel Standard Titration Schedules* dated September 8, 2016; PS-01, *Clozaril or Seroquel Standard Titration Schedules* dated September 21, 2012; PS-01, *Clozaril or Seroquel Standard Titration Schedules* dated July 1, 2009; PS-01, *Clozaril or Seroquel Standard Titration Physician's Orders Medication Administration Records* dated August 22, 2006; PS-01, *Clozaril or Seroquel Standard Titration Physician's Orders Medication Administration Records* dated March 31, 2003; PS-01, *Clozaril or Seroquel Standard Titration Physician's Orders Medication Administration Records* dated December 11, 2000; Policy PS-01, *Clozaril Standard Titration Physician's Orders Medication Administration Records* dated February 14, 2000.

**IX. DISTRIBUTION:** All hospital policy manuals.

**X. ANNUAL REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION:** This policy is subject to annual review and authorization for use by either the Administrator or the Medical Director with written documentation of the review per ARM § 37-106-330.

**XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** Medical Director.

**XII. ATTACHMENTS:** For internal use only.

- A. [Clozaril 300mg/d Titration Schedule](#)
- B. [Clozaril 450mg/d Titration Schedule](#)
- C. [Clozaril All PM Titration Schedule](#)
- D. [Physician Order Form - Clozaril](#)

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