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|  | <b>POLICY</b>                                 |                      |
|                                                                                   | HR-127 Medication Administration Restrictions |                      |
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## Policy

Medication will not be carried on RCMSAR vessels for the purpose of administration to patients. If medication is carried by a patient, RCMSAR members may assist in the administration of medication that is covered within the scope of practice of a member's first aid level.

## Reason for Policy

RCMSAR does not have medical oversight to administer medication to patients. To prevent administration of medication that is not carried by a patient, medication must not be carried aboard RCMSAR vessels.

## Definitions

**Over-the-Counter Medicine** – Any medicine that one can purchase without a prescription. (e.g. Tylenol, Advil, topical anesthetics, etc.)

## Guidelines

1. Over-the-Counter medicine is considered medication and therefore, will not be carried aboard RCMSAR Vessels.
2. If a RCMSAR member with an appropriate level of first aid assists with the administration of medication to a patient, the dose, type of medication and time of administration must be recorded and communicated to the next level of care.
3. All RCMSAR members have the responsibility to know their scope of practice corresponding to their level of first aid.
4. RCMSAR will not be liable for the administration of medication by members that do not comply with this policy.

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