

From the Office of Clinical Informatics Bedside Medication Delivery Program "Meds to Beds" – Periop Nursing

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Bedside Medication Delivery Program commonly, referred to as Meds to Beds, is a service where an NLH Retail Pharmacy receives a prescription and delivers the medication to the patient's bedside at the time of discharge. The program is expected to help decrease readmission rates where medication non-compliance is a significant factor and add convenience for the patient by eliminating the need to stop at a pharmacy to pick up prescriptions.

Meds to Bed Workflow

Meds to Beds program is currently available at EMMC, Mercy, and Maine Coast and will be enhanced for those locations with tasks to help ensure every patient has the opportunity to participate.

- > Inviting the Patient to Participate
 - Meds to Beds Program section has been added to the Preprocedure Checklist form.
 - Scripting has been added to the form to assist the nurse when inviting the patient to participate.
 - The Periop nurses will complete the Meds to Beds Program section in the Preprocedure Checklist.
 - Selecting Yes will fire a task to the NL Retail Pharmacy, notifying them that the patient wishes to participate in Meds to Beds.
- Complete this section for Acadia, EMMC, Inland (Inpatient Only), Maine Coast Hospital and Mercy patients only

 Accepts Meds to Beds Program
 Anticipate Discharge Date (Inpatient) OR Outpatient Surgery Date (surgical)

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Meds to Beds Program

- An icon will fire to the Periop Tracking Board Communication column indicating the patient is participating in the Meds to Beds Program.
- Communication R_X
- The **Communication** column is a new addition to the Periop Tracking boards.
- The Outpatient Surgery Date should be entered. If the patient is to be admitted, an Anticipated Date of Discharge should be entered instead of the surgery date.
- > Update Patient's Preferred Pharmacy
 - EMMC nurses should update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy Riverside.

Patient Preferred Search			
Pharmacy Name	Address	Cross-Street	City
Northern Light Pharmacy State Street	210 State St		Bangor
Northern Light Pharmacy Penny Hill	295 Kennedy Memorial		Waterville
Northern Light Pharmacy Fore River	195 Fore River Pkwy, St		Portland
Northern Light Pharmacy Riverside	417 State St, Ste 130		Bangor
Northern Light Pharmacy Downeast	161 High St		Ellsworth

- MCH nurses should update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy ٠ Downeast.
- Mercy nurses should update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy Fore River.
- **Discharge Process** \geq
 - Documentation of patient location in PACU I or PACU II will fire another task to the NLH Retail Pharmacy that the patient is being discharged so they can prioritize the Meds to Beds patient prescriptions when they arrive in the pharmacy prescription queue.

NOTE: If the Outpatient Surgery patient is admitted, notify the Pharmacy.

Communication Once the NLH Retail Pharmacy has documented the medication delivery date $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}}$ and time, another icon will fire to the Periop Tracking Board Communication column, indicating that the medications are en route to be delivered to the patient's bedside.



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