

2.4 OBTAINING MEDICATIONS AFTER HOURS

VGH (after hours: 2400-0630)

1. Determine if the medication is available on any unit in the hospital.
 - Check Master Wardstock List (available online at www.vhpharmsci.com/PageWardstock/index.html) for location of the drug.
 - RN to personally retrieve drug from another unit.
Note: Porters cannot be used to retrieve medications from another unit because they do not have Omnicell access.
2. If a medication cannot be found on any unit and it is needed before pharmacy re-opens:
 - Charge nurse to call CP pharmacy at 62481 for recorded instructions on how to contact a pharmacy staff member.
Note:
 - i. If a pharmacy staff member is not on-site, please allow for traveling time if a pharmacist needs to return to VGH to dispense a medication.

UBCH (after hours: 2400-0630; medications accessible from VGH Pharmacy until 2400 every day)

After hours medications are located in the Omnicell machines on all Koerner and Detwiller Nursing Units as well as the TCU in Purdy Pavilion. Each unit is provided a hospital wide Omnicell medication list, which indicates the inventory of each machine.

A pharmacist is available on-call through switchboard for medications not in the Omnicell machine, or for any drug related questions.

GF STRONG (after hours: 1630-0830 Mon-Fri; all day week-ends & STATs)

After hours medications are located in the Omnicell machines on all GF Strong Nursing Units. Each unit is provided a hospital wide Omnicell medication list, which indicates the inventory of each machine.

Formulary medications that are not available in the Omnicell machine may be obtained at Vancouver General Hospital before 2400h. After 2400, if a medication is needed urgently, a physician may call VGH switch board to page the VGH pharmacist on call.