

THE FORMULARY SYSTEM:
3.2 NON-FORMULARY DRUGS

Non-Formulary drugs are medications that have not been formally assessed by the BCHA Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Medications in this category may be reviewed in the future.

POLICY

The pharmacy will obtain a non-formulary drug for a specific patient if, after consultation with the prescriber, it is determined that suitable formulary alternative is not available.

PROCEDURES

- Prescriber:
1. Informs pharmacist of the non-formulary drug request.
 2. Writes the order in the chart.
- Pharmacy:
3. Follows the PMPs Policy for Non-Formulary Medication
 4. Completes the Non-Formulary Drug Approval Form for all requests
 5. Informs the prescriber and nurse of the expected time of delivery. This may take several days as it is dependent upon location of supplier and time and day of the order.