POLICY

High Peaks Hospice (HPH) nurses (RNs) may find it necessary to use alternative methods of pain control with the use of a Continuous Ambulatory Dispensing Device (CADD) pump for infusion of pain medication in order to obtain comfort for the patient. RNs will be responsible for assessment, set up and maintenance of the CADD pump. Pain assessments will be completed by the RN during each visit.

PROCEDURE

1. RNs will attend a mandatory in-service and successfully pass competency exam for use of CADD pumps. The training will be conducted by the Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) or designee.

2. When a physician orders the use of a CADD pump for pain management the RN will send the order and arrange for the medication to be delivered to HPH by the designated infusion company.

3. When the medication arrives, two trained RNs will program the CADD pump and double check the pump against the physician orders.

4. The RN will educate the primary caregiver in the use of the pump and when to contact HPH’s RN with troubleshooting.

5. The RN will only make changes to the CADD pump with physician orders.

6. After each use the CADD pumps will be cleaned.

7. CADD pumps will receive scheduled maintenance twice a year, unless there is a deficiency in the equipment use, and then it will be serviced immediately.

8. The equipment manual will stay with the CADD pump for reference for the RN at all times.