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Tuberculin (TB) Screening

PURPOSE:

Ensure all Veritas community residents receive a TB screening upon admission, and annually thereafter where state law requires.

STANDARDS:

State specifications (form or guideline or regulation) will substitute Veritas policy and procedure when the state specification requires a higher standard. For more information, consult the state-specific form or guideline or regulation.

All residents at Veritas are required to receive a TB screening upon admission and in adherence to any statespecific regulations. Results must be read within 72 hours and documented, or a new screening will be ordered.

GUIDELINES:

The Resident Care Director (RCD) will provide education regarding the screening process and possible side effects to each resident or the resident's designee or legally authorized representative.

Veritas shall, with an order from of a resident's physician, process the order through pharmacy. The RCD or designated nurse will administer TB Screening. Residents shall obtain the immunization order from their primary doctor and RCD or designated nurse shall document in the MAR that the immunization was performed.

The RCD or designated nurse shall perform an assessment for contraindications.

The assessment for contraindications and documentation of the education shall be dated and signed by RCD performing the assessment and placed in the medical record.

In the event a resident has a false positive TB Screening or an allergy to Aplisol, the RCD (or licensed nurse) will obtain an order from physician/healthcare provider for a TB Chest X-ray. A TB Chest X-ray will be conducted annually thereafter.

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FORMS:

- 1. Resident TB Form
- 2. Medication Administration Record (MAR/EMAR/MOR)