Paramedic Intern Controlled Substance Policy

**PURPOSE:** To ensure a consistent procedure for paramedic interns handling of narcotics.

**POLICY:** All students must follow these rules to insure proper use of controlled substances.

**DATE:** March 25, 2019

**PROCEDURE:**

1. **FOR FIELD**
   * Drugs are counted at the beginning and end of every shift by the licensed paramedic on duty (can be the preceptor or their partner).
   * When controlled substances are necessary for patient care the licensed paramedic will pull the drug out, sign it out and give it to the paramedic intern.
   * The paramedic intern is responsible for giving the drug, for wasting it in the preceptor’s presence and for all patient record documentation.
   * This is also printed in the paramedic intern field book.
2. **FOR CLINICAL**
   * Drugs are counted at the beginning and end of every shift by the licensed nurse on duty (can be the preceptor or their partner).
   * When controlled substances are necessary for patient care the licensed nurse will pull the drug out, sign it out and give it to the paramedic intern.
   * The paramedic intern is responsible for giving the drug, for wasting it in the preceptor’s presence and will document per hospital policy.
   * This is also printed in the paramedic intern clinical book.
3. This policy is not meant to supersede any agency policy.