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## Original Public Report

Report Issue Date: October 18, 2024

Inspection Number: 2024-1616-0004

Inspection Type:  
Proactive Compliance Inspection

Licensee: The Corporation of the County of Renfrew

Long Term Care Home and City: Miramichi Lodge, Pembroke

## INSPECTION SUMMARY

The inspection occurred onsite on the following date(s): October 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2024

The following intake(s) were inspected:

- Intake: #00128308 - Proactive Compliance Inspection

The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection:

Resident Care and Support Services  
Skin and Wound Prevention and Management  
Medication Management  
Food, Nutrition and Hydration  
Residents' and Family Councils  
Infection Prevention and Control  
Safe and Secure Home  
Prevention of Abuse and Neglect  
Staffing, Training and Care Standards  
Quality Improvement

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Pain Management

## INSPECTION RESULTS

### WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Safe Storage of Drugs

NC #001 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 148 (2) 2.

Drug destruction and disposal

s. 148 (2) The drug destruction and disposal policy must also provide for the following:

2. That any controlled substance that is to be destroyed and disposed of shall be stored in a double-locked storage area within the home, separate from any controlled substance that is available for administration to a resident, until the destruction and disposal occurs.

In accordance with O. Reg 246/22 s. 11 (1) b, the licensee of a long-term care home shall institute any plan or policy that must be complied with and all applicable requirements under the Act. Upon review of the home's policy regarding the destruction and storage of narcotics, it was identified that staff were not following the home's policy for storage and destruction of narcotics.

The licensee has failed to ensure that controlled substances to be destroyed and disposed of are stored in a double-locked storage area within the home. On a specific date, the inspector observed staff storing an open ampoule of a controlled substance in the medication slot assigned to residents, which also contained current medications for administration. It was observed that this section of the medication

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cart has one lock.

Review of the home's policy for managing, Narcotics, and controlled Medi System Policies and Procedures under specialty Drugs for Storage and Destruction.

a. Narcotic and controlled substances must be stored in a separate, double locked stationary cupboard in the locked area or stored in a separate locked area within the locked medication cart.

Sources: observation, Management of narcotics and controlled substances, MediSystem Policies and Procedures under specialty drugs for Storage and Destruction, interview with Registered Nurse (RN) and Director of Care (DOC)



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