



# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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In an attempt to inform and/or help clarify what medications are commonly used at the jail prior to incarceration, the Jail Medical Department has created a few medication guidelines for prospective detainees to consider. Our mission is to maintain continuity of care in regard to medication management as much as possible while adhering to these guidelines.

## MEDICATION GUIDELINES

- No "Over The Counter" medications: supplied by the jail if needed
- Prescription medications:
  1. Labels should be legible with the complete-correct name
  2. Medication dispense date should be within the last 30 days
  3. Medication should have been taken as prescribed-regularly
  4. Dosing times should not be written—*Take as needed*

Note: By adhering to the above guidelines, you will help prevent delays or holds when processing and ordering of your medications.
- Some medications that are not commonly used in this facility:
  1. Narcotic pain meds—*Vicodin, Percocet, Oxycodone, etc*
  2. Opiates—*Methadone, Dilaudid, Codeine, Suboxone, etc.*
  3. Anti-Anxiety meds—*Valium, Klonopin, Xanax, Ativan, etc.*
  4. Sleep Aids—*Ambien, Lunesta, Trazadone, Vistaril, remeron etc.*
  5. Muscle Relaxants—*Flexeril, Soma, Valium, etc.*
  6. Medications with the high potential for abuse—*Ultram\Tramadol, Trazadone, Vistaril, Seroquel, Gabapentin, Wellbutrin, etc.*
  7. Any ADHD or ADD medications – *Strattera, Adderall, guanfacine, etc.*

Note: Upon entrance to the jail, if you are prescribed one or more of the above medications by your physician--the medication will be held and the jail physician will assess you on an individual basis to determine need and/or risk for withdrawal.

If the inmate will withdrawal from opiates such as Vicodin, Percocet, oxycodone, heroin, fentanyl etc. the MAT program will be notified and inmate will be evaluated for comfort medications.

- Diabetics:
  1. Follow guidelines for prescription medications
  2. DO NOT bring: glucometer, test strips, lancets, or insulin syringes--these items will be supplied by the jail
  
- Asthmatics\COPD:
  1. Follow guidelines for prescription medications in regard to inhalers, aerosol solutions.
  2. DO NOT bring your aerosol machine unless you have a documented need for aerosol treatments at least three times daily.
  3. Due to COVID 19 Aerosol treatments are limited while in facility.
  
- Medication Samples:
  1. All medication samples should be labeled with the physician's and/or agency's name, current orders for dosing, your name, date dispensed, and number of pills dispensed on that date.
  2. A note from your doctor, on official letterhead with his/her signature stating what med has been ordered with dosing instructions, is also very helpful.
  
- Medication Refills:
  1. You are responsible for obtaining your medication refills.
  2. You will be notified by the Jail Medical Dept. approximately 7 days before a refill is needed.
  3. If for some reason you are unable to refill an *ESSENTIAL* medication, i.e.: prescribed for problems with heart function, high blood pressure, diabetes, mental health, etc--notify the Jail Medical Department and your need will be reviewed.
  
- Please DO NOT bring in medications that are not currently being taken.
- If you are only sentenced for a short period, please DO NOT bring in only enough meds for your stay, it will appear as though you do not take your medications correctly and will cause a delay in processing and ordering.
- All medications brought into the jail will be returned to you at the time of your release.

Any questions and/or concerns in regard to your medications, please contact the Jail's Medical Department at 440-350-5601 to speak with one of our nurses.