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### Preamble

The policy of Residential Hospice Grey Bruce is to ensure that our residents receive exemplary, compassionate end-of-life care. Permitting moderate alcohol consumption by residents will provide a hospitable, home like environment. Guidelines for alcohol consumption are in place to ensure safety and comfort to all residents, family members, visitors, volunteers, and staff at Grey Bruce Hospice Inc. (GBH).

### Policy

The policy contains information regarding resident's alcohol consumption. It has been designed as a resource for clinical (RN, RPN, PSW) staff at Residential Hospice Grey Bruce.

- Residents may consume alcohol only with a written order by the most responsible physician. The amount and when it may be consumed will too be directed by the most responsible physician.
- GBH will not purchase alcohol for resident consumption; families are responsible for purchasing the alcohol as ordered and must bring it to the nursing hub to be kept locked up.
- Family and visitors of the resident are not permitted to consume alcohol at GBH with the resident. If there is concern around a family member or visitor regarding substance abuse (alcohol), a contract with that person or person (s) will be discussed in full and signed to protect the organization and those persons who reside here and their families, or staff members of Residential Hospice Grey Bruce.
- Resident's alcohol will not under any circumstances be stored in the resident's room. It will be labelled and locked securely in the medication room and dispensed as per physician's order by staff.
- If a resident abuses the use of alcohol within the Hospice, the Manager of Resident and Family care will notify the family and a family meeting will take place.
- Upon resident's discharge from GBH, alcohol will be returned to family and signed off by family on the GBH – Chapman House Discharge/Transfer Form.

#### R-06.01 Review Cycle

Clinical Policies shall be reviewed in the odd year.

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