Managing Medication Inventory as a Pharmacy Technician

Drug shortages:
- Double checking priority patients
- Avoid changing continuing treatments
- Look into other distributors
- Capping/rounding doses if needed

Fast Movers:
- Commonly used drugs within your practice
- Always have extra on hand
- Allow for frequent dose changes

Bio-similars:
- Be up to date on insurance preferences

Single Dose Vials:
- Always discard after use

Multi-Use Vials:
- Be aware of expiration dates after poking vial
- Record date that vial was opened/expires
- Be aware of drugs that expire in less than 24 hours once punctured

Routine Checks:
- Check monthly for expired inventory
- Check monthly for any unused medications (possible returns)
- Use early exp dates when possible
- Hard count inventory monthly

Refrigerated Items:
- Know which drugs require refrigeration after opening and the time frame in which they expire

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