10 Rights of Medication Management

Identify the correct patient to whom the medicine is being administered by verifying the identification wristband, name and date of birth on the medicine chart.

Right Patient

Right Reason

Understand the intended purpose of the medicines to be administered.

Confirm that the name of the dispensed medicine to be administered corresponds with the generic or brand name of the prescribed medicine. Only administer viable medicinal products- properly packaged and within its expiry date. The nurse must also check both by asking the patient and checking the allergy status box on the medicines chart whether the patient has a known or recorded allergy to the prescribed drug.

Right Drug

Right Route

Administer the medication via the prescribed anatomical route and site.

Right Time

Administer the medicine at the prescribed time and prescribed intervals.

Confirm through arithmetical calculation that the dose of the medicine being administered concurs exactly with the dose prescribed. Where the local Policies identify the process for high risk medicines, the dose must be independently verified- refer to local PPG’s.

Right Dose

Right Form

Confirm that the form of medicine that has been dispensed matched with the specified route of administration.

Ensure the medicine is prescribed for the appropriate reason and state to the patient the action of the medication and why it is prescribed.

Right Action

Sign, date and retain all documentation recording the administration of each medicine in the medicine administration chart. The chart must only be signed to record a medicine has been administered once the medicine administration has been witnessed.

Right Documentation

Observe the patient for adverse effects and assess the patient to determine that desired effect of the medicines has been achieved.

Right Response