

Medication Administration - Patient Rights Cheat Sheet by NursingStudent3267 via cheatography.com/159282/cs/34191/

Rights for Medication Administration

Understanding and knowing the medication administration rights helps to prevent, minimize and eliminate medication administration errors

- right patient
- right medication
- right dose
- right time & frequency
- right route
- right documentation
- right to refuse

Additionally, right assessment, diagnosis, planning, intervention, evaluation, patient teaching. The goal is not to have a medication error.

Right Patient

Be sure you are administering medication to the RIGHT PATIENT

- use two verifies (commonly name and DOB)
- ask the patient their name
- cross check ID band and medication administration record MAR

Error. can deliver medication to the wrong patient!

Right Medication

Be sure you are administering the RIGHT MEDICATION

- check and verify the MAR and physician orders
- utilize nursing knowledge
- medication dispenser: often have verification (ie. Omnicell)

Error: can give the wrong medication!

Right Dose

Be sure you are administering the RIGHT DOSAGE of medication

- utilize the appropriate calibration measurement tools (syringe, spoon, cup, etc.)
- pay close attention to the dosage listed on the MAR vs. medication
- if needed, perform necessary medication calculation (ie. g, mg, mcg, kg, lbs)

Error. can overdose or underdose patient!

Right Time & Frequency

Be sure to administer the medication at the RIGHT TIME & FREQUENCY

- verify this information with MAR and physician orders
- follow the scheduled time and frequency of administration
- medications can be administered within 1 hour before or after of scheduled time

Error: can prevent therapeutic effect for occurring and/or and cause overdose or underdose

Right Route

Be sure to administer the medication by the RIGHT ROUTE

- pay close attention to the route listed of administration
- verify with MAR and physician orders
- can be enteral (PO) or parenteral (IV, IM, SubQ, ID)

Error. can cause overdose, underdose, other complications including absorption

Right Disposal

Be sure to administer the medication and utilize the **RIGHT DISPOSAL**

- medications not taken need to be disposed of properly, according to facility policy
- sharps are to be discarded in sharps container

Error. needle sticks can occur and misuse of medication due to inaccurate disposal

Right Documentation

Be sure that immediately after administration of the medication you use the **RIGHT DOCUMENTATION**

- document accurately and appropriately
- only document what you did
- -IF IT WASN'T DOCUMENTED, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!!!!!

Error. inaccurate documentation and lack of documentation can result in duplication of medication administration

Right to Refuse

Be sure that you understand the patient always has the RIGHT TO REFUSE

- all patients have the right to refuse medication, with exceptions
- be sure to notify physician
- document appropriately

Error: violation of patient autonomy



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