

The Nine Rights of Medication Administration



RIGHT PATIENT: Check the identity of the patient and the medication order, ask patient to identify themselves (use id-wrist-band).



RIGHT MEDICINE: Check the order, and the medication label, check patient's allergies, prepare/dilute the medicine correctly.



RIGHT DOSE: Check the order, calculate the dose, use double check process when possible (always with high alert – medications).



RIGHT TIME: Check the order, and the instructions on the optimal timing of the medicine.



RIGHT ROUTE: Check the order, medicine form and route.



RIGHT REASON: Check the rationale of the medicine, patient's history and need for this medicine.



RIGHT DOCUMENTATION: Document the medicine administered (and the response with the PRN medicines), and relevant information such as vital signs and patient education.



RIGHT PATIENT EDUCATION: Provide medication education based on patient's individual needs, check patient's understanding and ability to administer the medicine herself and monitor the effects.



RIGHT RESPONSE: Check medicines therapeutic effects, potential side- and adverse effects and interactions. Plan the relevant monitoring of the effects.

Always **THINK**
when giving medications **RIGHT**



PATIENT



MEDICINE



DOSE



TIME



ROUTE



REASON



DOCUMENTATION



PATIENT EDUCATION



RESPONSE