

12 Weeks to a Safer Medication System: **Week Four**



Be a REAL HERO Medication
Errors Down to Zero

Time-critical medications must be given within 30 minutes, or less if specifically indicated, earlier or later than scheduled.

This weeks activity:

- Review the definition of a time-critical medication.
- Discuss with your team:
 - ❖ Why a time-critical medication must be given no earlier or later than 30 minutes from the scheduled time;
 - ❖ How time-critical medications are identified on the medication administration record (MAR);
 - ❖ Who can clarify if a medication is time-critical and how best to schedule the medication on the MAR.

For more information on the Six Rights and Three Checks go to:
<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx>

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