

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



Be a REAL HERO Medication
Errors Down to Zero

Many medications cannot be cut, crushed or chewed (altered). It is important to know what medications you are giving that cannot be altered.

This weeks activity:

- Review your agency's policy or guidance on medications that cannot be cut, crushed or chewed (altered.)
- Verify how a medication that cannot be altered is identified on the MAR.
- Discuss with your team:
 - ❖ What to do and who to report to if you have a resident that insists on chewing their medications that cannot be altered.
 - ❖ What to do if there is an order to cut a medication that is identified as a medication that cannot be altered.

For more information go to:

www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx

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