

Six Rights of Safe Medication Administration

Right Person

- ✓ Check the first and last name of the resident
 - Does the name match the medical order?
 - Does the name match the name on the MAR?
 - Does the name on the medication container match?

Right Medication

- ✓ Check the name on the medication container
 - Does the medication match the medical order?
 - Does the medication match the name on the MAR?

Right Dose

- ✓ Check the strength and dosage
 - Is it a half-tablet, whole tablet or multiple tablets?
 - Is it alternating doses at different times or on different days?

Right Time

- ✓ Check the frequency
 - Was the time-critical medication given within 30 minutes (earlier or later) than scheduled?
 - If a second dose of a p.r.n. medication is needed is it too early?

Right Route

- ✓ Check the route
 - If eye or ear drops is it right side, left side or both sides?
 - Is the pill sublingual or swallowed? Can it be crushed or chewed?
 - Have transdermal patches or injection sites been rotated?

Right Documentation

- ✓ Check that all documentation is complete and legible
 - Is the medical order current?
 - Did you document on the MAR immediately after administering medications?
 - Have you documented results of p.r.n medications administered?



It Matters – Take Control of Medication Administration