

The 8 rights of medication administration.

Check the name on the order and the patient.
Use 2 identifiers.
Ask patient to identify himself/herself.
When available, use technology (eg. bar-code system).



PERSON

Check the medication label.
Check the order.
CHECK for ALLERGIES..



MEDICATION

Check the order.
Confirm appropriateness of the dose using a current drug reference.
If necessary, calculate the dose and have another nurse calculate the dose as well.



DOSE

Right:



TIME

Again, check the order and appropriateness of the route ordered.
Confirm that the patient can take or receive the medication by the ordered route.

PO
IVI
SC
IMI

ROUTE

Document administration AFTER giving the ordered medication.
Chart the time, route, and any other specific information as necessary. Eg: the site of an injection or any laboratory value or vital sign that needed to be checked before giving the drug.



DOCUMENTATION

Confirm the rationale for the ordered medication. What is the patient's history? Why is he/she taking this medication?
Do not forget they have the RIGHT to REFUSE.



REASON

Make sure that the drug led to the desired effect.
Be sure to document your monitoring of the patient and any other nursing interventions that are applicable.



RESPONSE

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Some say five, some say six, some say 10.

Whichever you run with, it is clear there are plenty of checks we need to make before delivering any given medication to our patients.

This is my list of 8 of them



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