



# Medication Administration

## Patient Care

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# Safe med admins in the home

## Our procedure

- Check:
  - › 5 rights! Right patient, drug, dose, freq, route
    - Double check the duration of therapy (ie antibiotics end date)
    - The date the med was ordered
    - Known allergies
  - › Read the medication label and the medication profile as you are:
    - Taking the med from the storage area
    - Dispensing the medication
    - Before returning it to the storage area





## Narcotics Procedure

- › Count narcotics before administration
- › Ensure correct administration dose
- › Count the narcotics remaining at end of visit
- › Document all of the above, including date
- › Initial your entry



# Narcotic Count Sheet Counts

DATE	BEGINNING TABLET COUNT AMOUNT	AMOUNT OF TABLETS TAKEN	END TABLET COUNT AMOUNT	STAFF SIGNATURE
1/2/22	40	2	38	EL.
1/3/22	38	2	36	EL

## Note:

- Date of your visit
- How many of the narcotic is present before you dispense, the beginning tablet count
- How many tablets taken (administered)
- How many are left after you dispensed, the end tablet count

**\* The end tablet count should be the same as the beginning count for the next day**



## What we can't admin:

- › Drugs that require physician direction
- › Experimental drugs
- › Drugs with a high incidence of anaphylaxis



## When to withhold medications:

- › If contraindications exist-  
like allergies or vitals  
parameters
- › If known incompatibilities  
with other meds
- › If the patient refuses



## Questions or Ideas?

› Contact Siobhan

› (See the archived training tab for a copy of the med admin policy)