

## MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION OBSERVATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Observer: \_\_\_\_\_

Element	Compliance			Notes
	Yes	No	NA	
Using the Medication Administration Record (MAR), the correct medication is retrieved according to the right patient, medication, dose, time and frequency, and route.				
Before administration, the following is verified: - The correct medication selected matches the medication order and product label - The medication is free of particulates, discoloration, or other loss of integrity - The medication is not expired  - There are no contraindications for the patient  - There are no patient allergies				
The correct dosage was placed in the medication cup without touching the medication.				
The medication was re-verified according to the MAR.				
Hand hygiene is performed before and after patient contact according to policy.				
The 2 patient identifiers are checked prior to administration.				
With the patient, the medication/s are verified according to the MAR.				
The patient is observed taking the medication and any special administration instructions are followed (for example, taken with food).				

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The medication/s taken are documented on the MAR.				
Patient education is provided as needed.				
<b>Special Considerations</b>				
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For high-alert and hazardous medications, precautions and/or special instructions are followed (for example, nitrile gloves, 2-nurse verification).				
If a patient refuses a medication, the refusal is documented with provider notification per policy.				
Medication packages are intact prior to verification with the patient (no pre-pouring).				
BP, HR, and other parameters are assessed as ordered.				
If administering a new medication, the patient and/or family/guardian are informed about any potential significant adverse drug reactions and other considerations.				