

## #78 - HANDLING MEDICATION VARIATIONS

(Partner Check-Off)

I acknowledge I have physically practiced and successfully learned the following skill(s):

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	P1	P2	P3	Comments
1. Checked the MAR against the provider's orders.				
2. Compared the label of the medication with the information in the MAR twice, and did a third check at the bedside. Also checked the expiration date of the medication.				
3. Observed the six rights of medication administration.				
4. Performed hand hygiene, ensured patient privacy, and introduced self to the patient.				
5. Identified the patient using two identifiers.				
6. When a patient refused a medication, carefully assessed his or her reason for refusal and intervened appropriately. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Patient refused medication due to allergy:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. When the patient was allergic to the medication, withheld it and checked the medical record for documentation. Documented the allergy as required by agency policy, and obtained an allergy ID band for the patient. Notified the health care provider, and requested a change to the medication order.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Patient refused medication due to side effects:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. When the patient was unwilling or unable to tolerate the drug's unpleasant or inconvenient side effects, assessed the patient to determine that the symptoms he or she described were side effects, and not a life-threatening adverse reaction.</li> <li>ii. Tried to eliminate or reduce the side effects.</li> <li>iii. Explained reasoning and emphasized the importance of taking the medication as prescribed and the possible consequences of not taking the medication.</li> <li>iv. Asked the prescriber if it was possible to give a smaller dose, or to give lower doses at more frequent intervals.</li> <li>v. Respected the patient's right to refuse. Withheld the medication, and notified the health care provider.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Patient questioned the medication or dosage:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. When the patient questioned the medication, stopped and rechecked to be certain there was no mistake.</li> <li>ii. Verified with the health care provider's order.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Once verified, addressed the patient's concern by explaining the new drug form.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| <p>7. Became familiar with the onset and duration of action for each medication administered.</p>  |  |  |  |
| <p>8. Was aware of how long it would take to reach its peak and begin to plateau.</p>  |  |  |  |
| <p>9. When a patient requested a PRN analgesic and it was too early to administer the next dose, did the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assessed the patient's pain.</li> <li>b. Checked the MAR to determine the time of the previous dose.</li> <li>c. When it was too early for additional pain medication, enhanced the patient's comfort with nonpharmacologic measures.</li> <li>d. Gave the pain medication as soon as the prescribed time interval had elapsed.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identified the patient using two identifiers.</li> <li>ii. Helped the patient sit up and watched him or her take the medication.</li> <li>iii. Helped the patient back into a comfortable position.</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Documented the dose in the patient's MAR.</li> <li>f. Notified the health care provider if the pain medication order did not seem to provide appropriate pain management.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| <p>10. When a medication was refused, documented that it was not given, the reason for refusal, and the time at which the health care provider was notified according to agency policy.</p>  |  |  |  |
| <p>11. When a medication was held, documented the time and reason for holding the medication and notified the health care provider if necessary according to agency policy.</p>  |  |  |  |
| <p>12. As part of follow-up care, monitored the patient's response to determine whether the interventions had relieved his or her pain. Notified the health care provider when a patient refused medication, complained of intolerable side effects, or reported that the medication did not provide the expected therapeutic effect.</p>  |  |  |  |

**S** = Satisfactory    **U** = Unsatisfactory    **NP** = Not Performed    **\***=Must Perform to Pass

*By signing below I acknowledge that I witnessed the skill performed and the student successfully passed the skill.*

Practice 1: Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice 2: Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL Student Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_