

# MEDICATIONS

## CATEGORIES

Means / Terms of Administration

Policy on Administration

# POLICY - Administration

- Prescribed by Doctor / Dentist & written into chart / prescription
- Organised times for medication round, 6am, 10am, 12md, 2pm, 6pm, 10pm (or anytime as required)
- 2 people on medication round-one must be a qualified nurse, other a witness (carer)

# POLICY

## 5 RIGHTS

- Right Name – patient-check arm bracelet-DOB
- Right Drug(s) – as prescribed on chart
- Right Dose – mgs, mls,
- Right Method – po, im, iv, sc, drops, inhaler, tropical, patch
- Right Time

# POLICY

- Two people to double check prescription, when started, when last given, any reactions?
- One to give the medication to patient, explain what it is for & stay with patient until medication is given

# POLICY

- Nurse will sign off chart, what medication and dose given to patient at specific time.
- Report to next shift if new medications were ordered, what medications were given at particular time.
- Report if any medications were cancelled or course completed.

# CATEGORIES

- Antibiotics – prevent or treat bacterial infection
- Antifungal – prevent or treat fungus infection
- Antiviral – prevent or treat viral infections

# Categories

- Anti-Inflammatory – reduce swelling
- Anti-Coagulant – reduce clotting of blood
- Anti-Histamine – reduce allergies
- Anti-Convulsive – prevent or treat seizures

# CATEGORIES

- ANALGESICS – pain relief.
- Controlled by Legislation
- Over the counter – general shops eg  
–paracetamol
- Pharmacy – prescription not required  
eg - throat lozengers.

Prescription only - from doctor or dentist  
eg – antibiotics, strong analgesics



# CATEGORIES

- Bronchial Dialators – improve breathing  
eg Inhalers
- Cardiac-Vasodialators – increase circulation  
Hypo/Hypertensive- control blood pressure  
improve heart beat
- Diuretics – remove excess fluid from tissue  
eg lungs or skin

# CATEGORIES

- HORMONAL – treat imbalance = control balance
- Diabetes eg Insulin
- Contraceptives eg birth control or regulate menstrual cycle
- Thyroid eg Hypo/Hyper activity

# CATEGORIES

- SEDATIVES – relax or control emotions

Induce Sleep

Preoperative / Minor surgical procedures

Anti-depressives ? Emotional issues / STRESS  
Environmental

Psychotic = chemical imbalance in the brain

STEROIDS – reduce inflammation

? Used in combination with other medication

Short term treatment- wean off gradually

Low dose in chronic conditions

# METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION

- ORALLY – by mouth eg liquid / tablet / capsule
- INJECTION - intermuscular / intervenous / subcutaneous
- INHALATION – via mouth / nose

- TROPICAL – via skin- cream / lotion / patch
- DROPS – via ear / nose
- SUPPOSITORIES – via rectum
- PESSORIES – via vagina

# INSTRUCTIONS

- a.c. = before food
- c = with ?food
- p.c. = after food
- Daily = once a day  
eg mane = morning,      nocte = night



# Instructions

B.D. = twice daily or 12 hourly

T.I.D. = three times daily or 8 hourly

Q.I.D. = four times daily or 6 hourly

P.R.N. = as required

STAT = immediately

# EXAMPLES

- Pencillin 250mgs capsules Q.I.D. X 7/7 or 1/52
- Valium 10mls nocte, prn X 6/52
- Insulin 40 I.U. s.c. mane, 25 I.U. nocte X 3/12  
Betnovate apply sparingly to affected area B.D
- Morphine 10mgs i.m. Stat
- Capozide 50mgs x 30 tabs. Daily, repeat X 6