

Eight **Rights** of *Medication Administration*

1. The **Right** *Person*

Right person: includes the use of at least two identifiers and verification of the physician's medication order with the label on the prescription drug container and the MAR entry to ensure that all are the same every time before a medication is taken via self-administration or administered by a licensed staff member. The amount of the medication should make sense as to the volume of liquid or number of tablets to be taken.

2. The **Right** *Medication*

Right medication: includes verification of the medication order with the label on the prescription drug container and the MAR entry to verify that all are the same every time before a medication is taken via self-administration or administered by a licensed staff member. The medication is inspected for expiration date. Insulin should be verified with another person prior to administering.

3. The **Right** *Time*

Right time: includes the times the agency schedules medications, or the specific physician's instructions related to the drug.

4. The **Right** *Dose*

Right dose: includes verification of the physician's medication order of dosage amount of the medication; with the label on the prescription drug container and the Medication Administration Record entry to ensure that all are the same every time before a medication is taken via self-administration or administered by a licensed staff member. The amount of the medication should make sense as to the volume of liquid or number of tablets to be taken

5. The **Right** *Route*

Right route: includes the method of administration

6. The **Right** *Position*

Right position: includes the correct anatomical position; individual should be assisted to assume the correct position for the medication method or route to ensure its proper effect, instillation, and retention.

7. The **Right** *Documentation*

Right documentation includes proper methods of the recording on the MAR

8. The **Right** to **Refuse**

Right to refuse medications: includes staff responsibilities to encourage compliance, document the refusal, and report the refusal to the administration, nurse administrator, and physician.