

# ANNUAL DMA RECERTIFICATION TEST

1 List the six patient rights:

right route

right medication

right person

right dose

right time

right documentation

2. Liquid medication is poured at eye level holding the cup with your hand?

Yes  No Explain:

Liquid medication is poured on a flat surface  
at eye level with your hand covering the label.

3. Controlled substance log is signed after the shift is over?

Yes  No Explain:

The Controlled Substance Log is signed anytime  
there is a DMA change, anytime a controlled  
substance is passed, and anytime more controlled  
medications are added to the medication room.

4. The DMA may crush tablets if resident does not want to swallow whole?

Yes  No Explain:

The DMA may only crush tablets if there is a  
written physician order stating to do so.

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5. Controlled substances are stored ( single locked ) according to policy and procedures?

Yes  No Explain:

Controlled substances are stored double  
locked according to policy.

6. Medication errors only need to be reported if the error causes harm?

Yes  No Explain:

All medication errors must be reported  
immediately, including near misses. Staff  
should document in an ER/IR and misc. note.

7. The medication room keys are left hanging on a special hook in the office area?

Yes  No Explain:

The medication keys must remain on the  
DMA's person at all times.

8. If a resident runs out of a psychotropic medication and another bubble pack is not in the house, you can use one from another resident?

Yes  No Explain:

If a resident runs out of a medication it  
must be entered in EMAR as medication not  
delivered, nurse notified. An ER and misc. note also need to  
be completed. Staff should also notify management  
ASAP. Medications can never be borrowed from  
another resident.

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9. Always give Lantus insulin irregardless of the glucose level?

Yes  No Explain:

Insulin can only be given after checking  
resident glucose levels. Staff should follow  
Physician order on insulin units to be given.

10. Blood pressure readings are used to monitor the treatment results of Lisinopril, Tenormin, or Norvasc?

Yes  No Explain:

Yes, these are all blood pressure medications.  
Blood Pressure should be checked prior to  
Administering bp medications. Check per physician  
order.

11. Eight o'clock medication may be given at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00?

Yes  No Explain:

8am/pm medications can be given between  
7am/pm and 9am/pm. If a resident refuses  
staff can pass before 9:30am/pm without calling  
medical. To pass outside of timeframe medical  
must be called.

12. Medications that have been popped and then the resident refuses are put back in the bubble packs?

Yes  No Explain:

No, if a resident refuses after three (3) prompts  
the medication should be destroyed with a  
second (2nd) staff verification.

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13. Orders do not have to be on record for insulin injections?

Yes  No Explain:

All medications must have a script/physician order.

14. When a resident gets up late for a medication pass, just enter in the quickMAR, resident not in house for the med pass, and give the medication whenever they get up?

Yes  No Explain:

NO, Staff should prompt resident three (3) times. If resident does not get up/refuses it should be documented as resident refused in EMAR. If outside timeframe, staff should call medical for permission to pass. Should be documented on paper/OTC means other than called for? misc. note.

15.  Yes  No Explain:

OTC means over the counter.

16. One Tablespoon is equal to 30ml?

Yes  No Explain:

one (1) Tablespoon is equal to 15ml.

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17. NPO means nothing para oral?

Yes  No Explain:

NPO means nothing by mouth.

18. All controlled substances are returned to the pharmacy to be repackaged?

Yes  No Explain:

Controlled substances should be destroyed  
with 2nd staff verification if the medication  
is no longer needed.

19. Choking and aspiration is a rare problem among residents on psychotropic medications?

Yes  No Explain:

Choking and Aspirations are common side  
effects of psychotropic medications.

20. Constipation is never a side effect of psychotropic medications?

Yes  No Explain:

Constipation is a common side effect of  
psychotropic medications.