

<p>Step 1 Description</p> <p>The nurse and I went to give the patient their morning medication along with a PRN pain medication (0.5mL dilaudid). We scanned the patient band, scanned the medications, and did the appropriate assessments before administering the medication. The patient swallowed all of the pills without difficulty, and I gave the patient the IVP 0.5mL of dilaudid using proper technique. The patient received all of their medications safely, and when pain was reevaluated 30min later their pain had lessened.</p>	<p>Step 4 Analysis</p> <p>It is appropriate to give dilaudid undiluted, but I believe it is safer to give it diluted, because there is more solution in the syringe which lessens the chances of giving the medication to fast. My nurse is more confident in her skills than I am so that is probably why our opinions differed on how to give this medication. The impact was no different because I did exactly as my nurse instructed, except I was nervous that I could possibly do my patient harm.</p>
<p>Step 2 Feelings</p> <p>I felt confident administering the medications, but the dilaudid made me nervous because it was not diluted and only 0.5 mL. With a medication like dilaudid I was worried I would push it to fast and cause harm to the patient. I felt good about how everything ended because the patient received the medication safely and it had the desired effect.</p>	<p>Step 5 Conclusion</p> <p>In conclusion I feel safer to give dilaudid as a diluted medication. I feel safer giving 10mL then 0.5mL. I could have asked the nurse if I could dilute the medication when we were in the med room, but I didn't. In the future I will dilute the medication, so I don't not have to worry about harming the patient.</p>
<p>Step 3 Evaluation</p> <p>The best part about the situation was that the patient received all their medications safely. I used proper technique when giving the push medication by cleaning the IV with alcohol, flushing the line with a NS flush, cleaning the IV again, pushing the medication, cleaning the IV, flushing with a NS flush, and then putting an alcohol permeated cap on the IV. I did expect the outcome because I was cautious to push the medication at the rate the nurse told me to.</p>	<p>Step 6 Action Plan</p> <p>The overall situation was fine I was just uncomfortable. However, I knew if followed the nurses instruction everything would be okay. In hindsight I could have asked the nurse if we could dilute the medication. This experience has taught me that when I am a practicing nurse, I will dilute the medication as an extra precaution.</p>