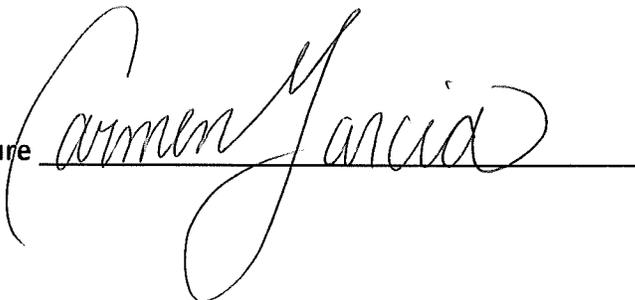


## PRINCIPLES OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

As a trained medication passer, I understand and adhere to the following:

1. I always pass medications under the delegation and supervision of a licensed nurse.
2. Before preparing and administering medication I must have the:
  - Knowledge about the medication(s) to be administered. Being medication knowledgeable means knowing intended purpose, common side effects, life threatening effects, knowledge of what to do should a life threatening effect occur and proper route of administration.
  - Knowledge about the individual's general health and condition that is receiving the medication.
  - Skills necessary to administer medication(s).
  - Knowledge that "no drug is harmless."
  - Knowledge of my own limitations and the line of responsibility related to medication administration.
  - Knowledge and ability to practice ethical behavior relating to medication administration: to pass medications to one client at a time and to pass those medications that I set up. I realize that I must set a good example to my co-workers and that others will learn from my demonstration of administration techniques.
  - Skills to properly document the medication administration process.
  - Knowledge and ability to practice cleanliness skills including proper hand washing and infection control techniques.
  - Knowledge and ability to practice organizational skills including giving medications accurately and safely.
  - Knowledge to pass any medication only with a physician order.
  - Knowledge that some medication administration procedures are very individualized for a person.
  - Understanding that constant practice and continuing education about medications is important.
  - Knowledge that a medication passer may not give PRN medications without involving the assessment of a nurse.

Signature



Date

