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Medication Administration Clinical Skills Checklist

Complete this checklist for each student during the 4-hour clinical or skills lab portion of a medication administration training program or to evaluate annual competency of medication aide. RN/LPN instructor to student/medication aide ratio must be 1:1.

Prior to Medication Administration, the Student or Medication Aide:					
	Checked the medication administration record (MAR) and reviewed for completeness, accuracy, known allergies				
	Checked medication resources and references as needed				
	Clarified questions with the nurse				
	Washed hands				
	Collected needed items (e.g. med cup, water, straw)				
During Medication Administration, the Student or Medication Aide:					
	Selected the right medication (e.g	Selected the right medication (e.g. from patient's med drawer)			
	Completed the "Rights" of medication administration including right drug, dose, route, time, and patient				
	Checked the expiration date of medication				
	Prepared medication correctly (e.g. poured correct amount)				
	Identified patient according to agency policy (e.g. checked patient ID bracelet against MAR, called resident by name, or used bar code scanner)				
	Provided privacy as appropriate				
	Explained medication procedure to patient				
	Obtained & documented required measurements (e.g. blood pressure, pulse)				
	Positioned patient appropriately to administer drug				
Verify competency for each route a nurse will be delegating to the Medication Aide. If a route was not demonstrated and is later required, an instructor may provide education and may validate competency for that route at that time. Administered medication appropriately and safely for the following routes:					
	☐ Ear	☐ Nose	☐ Sublingual		
	☐ Eye	□ Oral	☐ Topical		
	☐ Inhaled	■ Rectal	■ Vaginal		
Following Medication Administration, the Student or Medication Aide:					
	Used appropriate infection control procedures according to agency policy (e.g. discarded med cup appropriately, washed hands)				
	Handled patient carefully and respectfully				
	Recorded the right documentation on the MAR according to agency policy				
	Reported and recorded patient observations/concerns				
Nurse Instructor Name: Date:					
Student or Medication Aide Name:					
Fraining Program Name or Employer Name:					