

## **SEVEN SAFETY CHECKS!**

### **BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE CHECKS WITH YOUR CLINICAL FACULTY/STAFF RN**

<b>Right Medication and Right Indication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When you looked up this medication did you find that the medication you are to give matches the medication work list and was reviewed by a staff RN. Is this a med you will be allowed to give as a student, e.g. Chemotherapy <u>must</u> be given by specially trained RN.</li> <li>What will you tell the staff RN regarding why this medication is indicated for your patient?</li> <li>Explain to the staff RN what you will assess                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will you know if the medication is helping the patient</li> <li>What kinds of side effects will you assess for?</li> <li>What will you teach the patient regarding this medication using patient education resources?</li> <li>Is the patient allergic to this medication?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Check medication with order prior to giving <u>with</u> the staff RN</b></p>
<b>Right Dosage of Medication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the dosage of medication you are going to give match the dosage of medication ordered?</li> <li>Is this dosage appropriate for this patient?</li> </ul> <p><b>Check dose with order prior to giving <u>with</u> the staff RN</b></p>
<b>Right Route</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the route ordered for this medication for example, PO, IV push/Piggyback, IM, SQ. Also check to see if the route is right for the patient's condition e.g. patient was NPO but is now eating &amp; can take PO versus IV</li> <li>When you looked up this medication, was this route indicated as being correct?</li> </ul> <p><b>Check route prior to giving medication <u>with</u> the staff RN</b></p>
<b>Right Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the time ordered match the time you are going to give the medication?</li> <li>If this is a PRN drug, has sufficient time passed since the last PRN administration?</li> </ul> <p><b>Check time prior to giving medication <u>with</u> the staff RN</b></p>
<b>Right Patient</b> 2 patient Identifier on ID band <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient Name</li> <li>Patient Clinic number</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scan ID band</li> </ul> <p><b>Check this prior to giving medication <u>with</u> the staff RN</b></p>
<b>Right Documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk with your staff RN and explain what you are going to chart before charting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Properly Document Medication Administration, to be verified by Clinical Faculty</b></p>

**Clinical Faculty/Staff RN must be present throughout the entire medication administration process!**