

The Rights of Administration

Nursing

The checks made before, during and after every medicine administration.

Five is the classic set. The additions are the ones incidents keep finding.

The core five

Right patient — two identifiers, actively checked

Right drug — against the chart, not memory

Right dose — calculated and checked

Right route — and the right site

Right time — including omitted-dose rules

The additions

Right documentation — sign after, never before

Right reason — you know why it is prescribed

Right response — you know what to look for

Right to refuse — informed, recorded, escalated

Right expiry, storage and preparation

Educational reference. Never administer a medicine you cannot identify or a prescription you cannot read. Local policy governs practice.