



Medication Safety



Everyone's responsibility - checklist for prescribing and administering medications

Six rights and sign your chart

- Right Patient
- Right Medication
- Right Dose
- Right Time
- Right Route
- Right Documentation



APINCHS. Assess adverse drug reactions and apply red arm band

APINCHS – High Risk Medications

- Antimicrobials
- Potassium and intravenous concentrated electrolytes, and psychotropics
- Insulins
- Narcotics and Sedatives
- Chemotherapeutic agents
- Heparin, anticoagulants and antithrombotics
- Systems – oral syringes, standardised abbreviations



Find medication information on your library website

- Australian Medicines Handbook, eMIMs, Austalian Injectable Handbook, Dont Rush to Crush
- Intravenous drug guidelines, Specialised drug guidelines

Educate

- Self before prescribing and administering medications
- Patient and carer about their medications



Team communication on medication changes and prescription queries



You are responsible for reporting medication errors and completing a Datix CIMS

- Reporting incidents raises awareness of risk and promotes discussion on ways to minimise them in the future