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, Australian Injectable Handbook, Don’t 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

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