

The Six Rights of Medication Administration

1. **The RIGHT RESIDENT**- Be sure that you are assisting the correct resident.
 - Ask the resident their name.
 - Check with another staff member if you are not sure who the resident is.
 - Look at the picture of the resident.

2. **The RIGHT DRUG** – Be sure that you give the correct drug.
 - Compare the medication Administration Record(MAR) with;
 - The pharmacy label
 - The physician's Order that is found in the resident's chart.

3. **The RIGHT DOSE** – dosage equals strength and amount
 - Compare the medication Administration Record(MAR) with:
 - The pharmacy label
 - The physician's Order that is found in the resident's chart.

4. **The RIGHT TIME** – Be sure the drug is given at the correct time.
 - Compare the medication Administration Record(MAR) with:
 - The pharmacy label
 - The physician's Order that is found in the resident's chart.

5. **The RIGHT ROUTE** – Be sure that the correct route is used.
 - Compare the medication Administration Record(MAR) with:
 - The pharmacy label
 - The physician's Order that is found in the resident's chart.

6. **The RIGHT DOCUMENTATION/RECORD**
 - After you have finished assisting with a medication , it is very important that you write in the medication Administration Record(MAR). You may also need to document in the resident's chart:
 - Write in the correct record – RIGHT RESIDENT
 - Document correctly. Always be sure you are documenting for the RIGHT RESIDENT.