BEYOND THE FIVE RIGHTS

Six “rights” for Medication Administration

• Right patient
• Right medication
• Right dose
• Right route
• Right time & frequency
• Right documentation

New additions include:
• Right indication (confirm the patient has a condition that warrants the medication)
• Right communication (asking about allergies & tolerance, ability to obtain, compliance, etc.)

Nurses’ Six Rights for Safe Medication Administration

1. The right to a complete and clearly written order.
2. The right to have the correct drug and dose dispensed.
3. The right to have access to information.
4. The right to have policies on medication administration
5. The right to administer medications safely and to identify problems in the system
6. The right to stop, think and be vigilant when administering medications.

IOM Patients’ Rights

• Be the source of control for all medication management decisions that affect them (that is, the right to self-determination).
• Accept or reject medication therapy on the basis of their personal values.
• Be adequately informed about their medication therapy and alternative treatments.
• Ask questions to better understand their medication regimen.
• Designate a surrogate to assist them with all aspects of their medication management.
• Expect providers to tell them when a clinically significant error has occurred, what the effects of the event on their health (short- and long-term) will be, and what care they will receive to restore their health.
• Ask their provider to report an adverse event and give them information about how they can report the event themselves.

AHA Patients’ Rights

• To be informed of the medication’s name, purpose, action and potential undesirable effects
• To refuse a medication regardless of the consequences
• To have qualified nurses or physicians assess a medication history, including allergies
• To be properly advised of the experimental nature of medication therapy and to give written consent for its use
• To receive labeled medication safely without discomfort in accordance with the six rights of medication administration
• To receive appropriate supportive therapy in relation to medication administration
• To be informed of the medication’s name, purpose, action and potential undesirable effects

References


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