

# SAFE ORAL MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION



## Supplies



Medication



Medication cup



Cup of water

## Verifying medication



**Verify medication at least 3 times prior to client administration. You should verify when:**

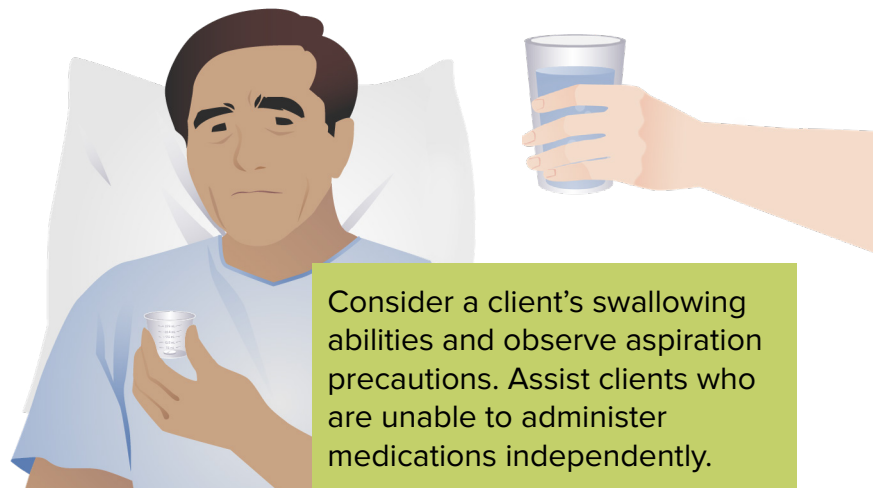
1. Medication is pulled from the system:  
Confirm the name of the medication on the package matches the name of the medication on the order.
2. After you assemble the medication:  
Verify the dosage and route of administration you have prepared with the order. Perform hand hygiene and apply non-sterile gloves.
3. Prior to administering the medication to the client:  
Verify the medication name, dose, and route you have prepared with the order.

## Clinical tips

- Always inform client of the medication name, dose, and reason for being given.
- Consult pharmacy prior to crushing any oral medications. Do not allow client to chew or crush sublingual medications.
- Always check allergies and use two client identifiers for verification.
- If a client is unable to identify themselves, you may use their hospital bracelet or family members to help confirm identity.
- Don't give medications with food or drinks that may cause medication interactions.

## Procedure

1. Verify medication using Seven Rights of Administration and review order.
2. Remove the medication from the wrapper and place into the medication cup.
3. Give medication cup to the client and allow them to swallow the medication as indicated.
4. Provide water to aid in swallowing (if allowed).
5. Verify that the medication has been swallowed.



Consider a client's swallowing abilities and observe aspiration precautions. Assist clients who are unable to administer medications independently.

## NOTES

