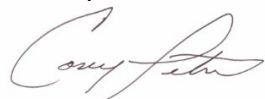


MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION - ORAL

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Purpose: To ensure a consistent, standardized practice for administering medications orally.

	Content
1.	Ensure that the patient qualifies for the appropriate medical directive, or contact a Base Hospital Physician (BHP) for further direction.
2.	Communicate the need for the medication, and its effects to the patient/family member whenever possible.
3.	Check medication for proper labelling and for an expiry date.
4.	Refer to the correct medical directive for correct dosages.
5.	Open the container and hand to the patient the correct amount of medication.
6.	Instruct the patient to chew and swallow all chewable medication given. If the medication is not chewable, instruct the patient to swallow the medication with the supplied water.
7.	Assess the patient closely for any change in condition following the medication administration.
8.	Discontinue the medication if adverse effects occur or as directed by a BHP.
9.	Document the procedure on the patient care record as per the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Emergency Health Services Branch Ambulance Call Report Documentation Standards and your Service Provider policy which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name of the medication • dose and concentration of the medication • time of administration • route/site of administration
10.	Document patient condition before and after the medication administration.
11.	In the event that a patient is not transported, ensure that no oral route medications are left behind.

Expected Outcome: Successfully administers oral medication.