



EFM RESPITE CARE MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

What Can Be Administered

Prescription Medications

- Signed parental permission and instructions
- Signed physician's prescription and instructions

Over-the-Counter

- Original container
- Signed parental permission with physician's written approval

Labeling Prescription Medication

- Original container
- Child's first and last name
- Date prescription was filled
- Name of health care provider
- Expiration date
- Manufacturer's instructions
- Name and strength of medication

Remember the Six "Right's"

1. Right medication
2. Right child
3. Right dose
4. Right time
5. Right route
6. Right documentation

Storage of Medication

- Refrigerate if required
- Keep inaccessible to children
- Store away from food
- Encourage child-resistant caps

Safeguards

- Set alarm for administration times
- Notify parent immediately if error is made in administration

Administration Tips

Oral Medication

- Follow with 4 oz water

Eye Drops

- Pull down lower lid to create a pocket
- Put drops into pocket
- Do not touch container to eyelid

Topical Medication

- Clean Application area
- Wear gloves if blood is present

Inhaled Medication

- Nebulizer: request training from parent
- Mist: close one nostril and spray mist into the other

Injected Medication

- Only use EpiPen
- Finger stick for diabetes can be administered with special training only