

Unit Title: Administer Medication to Individuals, and Monitor the Effects	
Level:	Three
Credit Value:	5
GLH:	30
OCNLR Unit Code:	PA1/3/LQ/011
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This unit has 5 learning outcomes

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand legislation, policy and procedures relevant to administration of medication.	1.1. Identify current legislation, guidelines policies and protocols relevant to the administration of medication.
2. Know about common types of medication and their use.	2.1. Describe common types of medication including their effects and potential side effects. 2.2. Identify medication which demands the measurement of specific physiological measurements. 2.3. Describe the common adverse reactions to medication, how each can be recognised and the appropriate action(s) required. 2.4. Explain the different routes of medicine administration.
3. Understand procedures and techniques for the administration of medication.	3.1. Explain the types, purpose and function of materials and equipment needed for the administration of medication via the different routes. 3.2. Identify the required information from prescriptions / medication administration charts.

<p>4. Prepare for the administration of medication.</p>	<p>4.1. Apply standard precautions for infection control.</p> <p>4.2. Explain the appropriate timing of medication e.g. check that the individual has not taken any medication recently.</p> <p>4.3. Obtain the individual's consent and offer information, support and reassurance throughout, in a manner which encourages their co-operation and which is appropriate to their needs and concerns.</p> <p>4.4. Select, check and prepare correctly the medication according to the medication administration record or medication information leaflet.</p>
<p>5. Administer and monitor individuals' medication.</p>	<p>5.1. Select the route for the administration of medication, according to the patient's plan of care and the drug to be administered, and prepare the site if necessary.</p> <p>5.2. Safely administer the medication (a) in line with legislation and local policies (b) in a way which minimises pain, discomfort and trauma to the individual.</p> <p>5.3. Describe how to report any immediate problems with the administration.</p> <p>5.4. Monitor the individual's condition throughout, recognise any adverse effects and take the appropriate action without delay.</p> <p>5.5. Explain why it may be necessary to confirm that the individual actually takes the medication and does not pass the medication to others.</p> <p>5.6. Maintain the security of medication and related records throughout the process and return them to the correct place for storage.</p> <p>5.7. Describe how to dispose of out of date and part-used medications in accordance with legal and organisational requirements.</p>

Assessment

The grid below gives details of the assessment activities to be used with the unit attached. Please refer to the OCN London Assessment Definitions document for definitions of each activity and the expectations for assessment practice and evidence for verification.

P = Prescribed This assessment method *must* be used to assess all or part of the unit.

O = Optional This assessment method *could* be used to assess all or part of the unit.

Case Study		Project	
Written question & answer/test/exam	O	Role play/simulation	
Essay	O	Practical demonstration	P
Report	O	Group discussion	
Oral question and answer	O	Performance/exhibition	
Written description	O	Production of artefact	
Reflective log/diary		Practice file	