SAFETY CHECKS FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

THE THREE LABEL CHECKS FOR 5 RIGHTS – this refers to the comparison that is made between the drug label and MAR.

- Right patient
- Right drug
- Right dose
- Right route
- Right time *Allergies

FIRST TIME:

✓ When you obtain the drug from the patient’s drawer, read MAR and take appropriate medication from drawer.
✓ Compare label of medication container or unit dose package against order on MAR.

SECOND TIME:

✓ Check expiration date.
✓ When you have all the medications, recheck MAR with all the prepared drugs before you leave preparation area.
✓ Do not open unit dose package.

THIRD TIME:

When you are at the bedside, recheck the medication label against MAR and the remove tablets from unit dose package.

OTHER RIGHTS OF PATIENTS DURING DRUG ADMINISTRATION:

- The right assessment
- The right documentation
  a. Name of the drug
  b. Dose
  c. Time
  d. Date
  e. Initials/signature
- The right to education
- The right to evaluation
- Client’s right to refuse