

Medication Errors

Medication Error - when a medication is administered in any way other than how it was prescribed

- **Examples**
 - Omissions
 - Administration of a medication not prescribed by the prescribing practitioner
 - Wrong dosage, wrong time, or wrong route
 - Crushing a medication that shouldn't be crushed
 - Documentation errors
- **Role of the Medication Aide**
 - Understands the facility's medication error policy and procedure or knows where to locate it
 - Recognizes when a medication error is made
 - Understands importance of acting quickly to report and correct medication errors to help prevent more serious problems
- The quicker the error is noted and reported, the better for the resident
- Reporting all the details around the error can help facility identify issues that may have contributed to the error and the facility may be able to make changes based on the information provided that can help to decrease medication errors in the future