

Kee: Pharmacology, 7th Edition

Chapter 3: Medication Safety

Test Bank

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What is the importance of the nurse practicing the “5-plus-5 rights” of drug administration?
 - a. They ensure correct mixing of the drug.
 - b. They ensure safe drug administration.
 - c. They ensure time-saving administration.
 - d. They ensure adequate knowledge about the drug.

ANS: B

The “5-plus-5” rights ensure that the nurse has considered all of the details of safe medication administration.

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2. “Give Tylenol 650 mg q3-4h as needed for headache” is an example of which category of drug order?
 - a. Standing drug order
 - b. One-time drug order
 - c. PRN
 - d. STAT

ANS: C

PRN means to administer the drug on an as-needed basis.

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3. A nurse is administering a medication to a client. The nurse tells the client the rationale for the medication. This nurse is observing which client right?
 - a. The right to informed consent
 - b. The right to permission
 - c. The right to ethics
 - d. The right to autonomy

ANS: A

To observe a client's right to informed consent, the nurse must give the client the knowledge necessary to make an appropriate decision.

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4. A nurse is ordered to administer a medication via the sublingual route. The nurse correctly places the medication:
- in the buccal mucosa.
 - under the tongue.
 - between the teeth and gums.
 - in a cup of water to dissolve.

ANS: B

Sublingual means under the tongue.

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5. The nurse is calculating the dosage of a drug to administer. Once the dosage has been calculated, what is the most important action on the part of the nurse?
- Contact the pharmacist for dosage confirmation.
 - Check the identity of the patient three times.
 - Recalculate the drug dose and check with another nurse.
 - Check the American Hospital Formulary for drug doses.

ANS: C

After calculating the drug dose, when in doubt, recalculate the drug dose and check with another nurse.

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6. The nurse is preparing to administer tetracycline to the client. What is the most appropriate time for the client to receive this medication?
- One hour before dinner in the evening
 - With breakfast in the morning
 - With a late-afternoon snack
 - Directly after lunch in the mid-afternoon

ANS: A

Tetracycline is a drug that is affected by food; therefore, it should be given before meals.

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7. The nurse checks the expiration date on the medication to be administered and finds that the drug expired 2 days ago. What is the most appropriate action on the part of the nurse?
- Hold one dose of the medication.
 - Return the medication to the pharmacy.
 - Contact the physician for orders.
 - Administer the drug but monitor the client.

ANS: B

When a medication is found to have expired, discard it or return it to the pharmacy.

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8. The nurse notes that the client is scheduled to receive a dose of potassium. What is the most appropriate time for the client to receive this medication?
- Directly after dinner in the evening
 - One hour before lunch in late morning
 - With water only in the late afternoon
 - First thing after rising in the morning

ANS: A

Potassium is a drug that can irritate the stomach. Therefore it should be given after meals.

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9. The nurse verifies that he is using only standardized abbreviations in documenting medication information. He recognizes that this fulfills which of the National Patient Safety Goals?
- Improve the accuracy of patient identification.
 - Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.
 - Improve the safety of using medications.
 - Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.

ANS: B

The use of standardized abbreviations fulfills the goal of improving the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.

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10. The nurse ensures that she provides the next nurse taking over the care of her client with a complete list of his medications since the next nurse is newly admitted to that unit. She recognizes that this fulfills which of the National Patient Safety Goals?
- Improve the accuracy of patient identification
 - Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers
 - Improve the safety of using medications
 - Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care

ANS: D

Communicating a complete list of the client's medications to the next provider ensures that the goal of accurately and completely reconciling the medications across the continuum of care.

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11. The client is scheduled to receive Protonix as part of his medication regimen. The most important teaching intervention to be implemented by the nurse is to instruct the client:
- on the proper way to split the tablet.
 - to crush the tablet before swallowing.
 - to avoid crushing the tablet.
 - to swallow the tablet with a minimum of water.

ANS: C

Protonix is a medication that should never be crushed.

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12. The client has been on an oral dose of a medication. The nurse recognizes that the client is experiencing difficulty swallowing. What is the most important action on the nurse's part?
- Crush the medication and mix it with water.
 - Split the medication in half and mix it in jelly.
 - Call the physician for a liquid version of the medication.
 - Tell the pharmacy to hold the medication until further notice.

ANS: C

A major part of assessing the client is assessing his ability to swallow when he is scheduled to receive oral medications.

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13. The nurse is caring for an older adult client who is scheduled to receive a dose of barbiturates. Based on the nurse's knowledge of how the older adult client responds to these medications, the nurse should expect the dosage to be:
- lower than normal.
 - higher than normal.
 - divided in half.
 - unchanged.

ANS: A

Infants as well as older adults are more sensitive to drugs, with the elderly being hypersensitive to barbiturates.

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14. The nurse is calculating a dosage of medication for an infant. The nurse recognizes that the dosage is based on the infant's:
- biological age.
 - weight in pounds.
 - gestational age.
 - weight in kilograms.

ANS: D

Infant doses are calculated on the basis of weight in kilograms.

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15. The nurse is caring for a thin-framed adult who is scheduled to receive multiple doses of antineoplastic medication. The nurse should expect the dosage for this person to be:
- lower than normal.
 - higher than normal.
 - divided in half.
 - unchanged.

ANS: A

Drug doses of antineoplastic medications are usually ordered according to body weight.

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