

## Medication Administration for Physiotherapists

### Quick reference guide

The administration of respiratory medications must only be performed by physiotherapists who have completed the competency and in accordance with policy.

## Respiratory Medication Administration

Respiratory medications should be collected prior to the following process.

1. At the patient's bedside, open **PowerChart**.
2. Verify the patient ID using the **banner bar**.
3. Navigate to the **MAR** to review the medication order (remember to hover to view all special instructions/order comments), perform medication safety checks and prepare the required medication.
4. Select **Allergies**.
5. Verbally check patient name, DOB and allergy status with parent/carer/patient. Confirm name, DOB, URN, and allergy status on the patient ID band and the **banner bar**.
6. Perform a verbal Allergy check and click **Mark as Reviewed**.
7. Navigate back to the **MAR**.
8. From the banner bar, select **Medication Administration** to open the MAW.

The **Medication Administration** window will display.

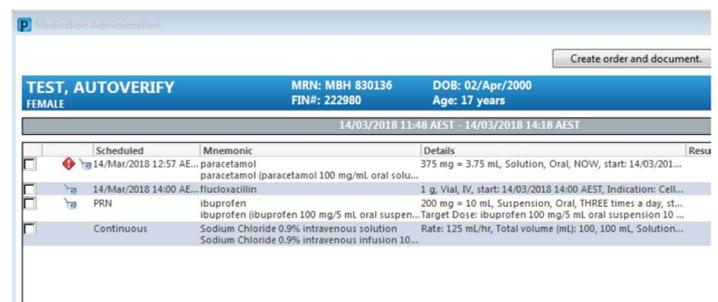


**Note:** Medication administration should occur using the Medication Administration Wizard (MAW). This will include barcode scanning of the patient's wristband to augment the positive patient ID (PPID) process.

9. **Scan** the patient ID band using the barcode scanner.

**Note:** Overriding scanning bypasses an important safety. Failure to correctly identify the patient may result in a medication being administered to the incorrect patient.

The MAW will display all overdue medications, any medications due in the next 75 minutes, PRN medications and any continuous infusions.



10. **Tick** the medication to be administered from the list.

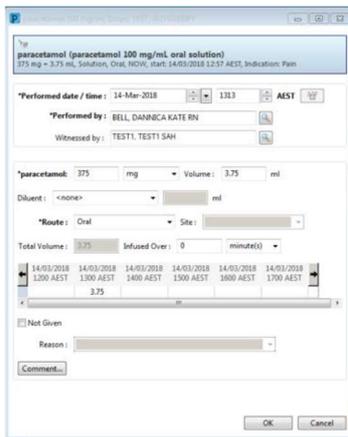
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A blue tick will appear next to the medication and the dose information will auto-populate in the Result column.



**Note:** You can multi-select the checkboxes if you are administering multiple medications.

11. Review any **on-screen alerts**.
12. Independently check the labelled medication against the order on the **MAW**.
13. Select the **Result** drop field for each medication to open the Administration Window.



14. **Review** the administration details.

The medication details must not be changed. Any error in the details must be corrected by a medical officer or pharmacist prior to administering the medication.

15. Use the search icon to add a nurse witness to the **Witnessed by** field (required for 3% and 4.5% sodium chloride nebulised).
16. **Administer** the medication.
17. Click **OK** to close the window.
18. Once all appropriate medications have been selected, click **Sign** to finalise.
19. If a nurse witness was entered, the system will prompt for a witness sign – witness to enter **password** and select **OK**.
20. Select **Sign**. This is the physiotherapists signature and completes the medication administration documentation.

The action cell will now populate on the MAR at the administration time/date and will display the dose administered. The administration task will also populate with the 'last dose' date and time. This information will appear in the MAR and MAR Summary.

## Withheld medications

If a schedule respiratory medication is going to be withheld, you must document this on the MAR using the **Chart Not Done** option.

1. Navigate to the **MAR**.
2. **Right click** on the dose to be withheld
3. Select **Chart Not Done**
4. Select a reason from the **dropdown** and add a comment if required
5. ✓ to sign

