

Intramuscular Medication Administration  
Skills Checklist

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Validator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Met	Not Met	Comment
1. Check the accuracy of the medication order. (check MAR w prescriber orders)			
2. Assess for any contraindications to client receiving medications (npo, hypotension, heart rate, allergies, labs, etc.)			
3. Perform the 6 rights of medication administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. patient (verbal, ID: name and mr#)</li> <li>b. drug/indication</li> <li>c. dose (including correct computation)</li> <li>d. route</li> <li>e. time</li> <li>f. documentation</li> </ul>			
4. Med knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Generic and trade names</li> <li>b. Classification (non critical)</li> <li>c. Indication including your patients</li> <li>d. Therapeutic dose range and your pt dose</li> <li>e. Significant side effects</li> <li>f. Nursing implications</li> </ul>			
5. Prepare meds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wash hands</li> <li>b. Take medications/MAR to patient's room</li> <li>c. Check each medication against MAR</li> <li>d. Check medication expiration date</li> <li>e. Tell patient name, dose, indication as appropriate</li> <li>f. Prepare syringe for injection</li> <li>g. Dons gloves</li> <li>h. Chooses appropriate site/landmarks (deltoid, ventral gluteal, vastas lataralis)</li> <li>i. Cleans skin appropriately w alcohol wipe</li> <li>j. Holds skin taut</li> <li>k. Injects at a 90 degree angle</li> <li>l. Aspirates plunger. If blood remove.</li> <li>m. Inject/removes needle/wipe w alcohol/safely disposes needle and syringe</li> <li>n. Remove gloves and wash hands</li> </ul>			
6. Never leaves medication unattended			
7. Document according to policy and procedure			