
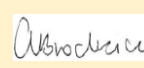


## Medication Protocol<sup>1</sup> for double checking and single administration of listed medications in the Emergency Department.

<b>1. Department</b> Emergency Department	<b>2. Date issue</b> June 2018	<b>3. Review date</b> June 2021
<b>4. Name and signature of authoriser of this protocol</b>		
Director of Nursing	Signature	
<b>5. What staff members will be affected by this protocol</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Higher Diploma Nursing Students</li> <li>• All registered nursing staff</li> <li>• All staff on relief or on bank/agency</li> </ul>		
<b>6. Staff Inclusion criteria –</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Higher Diploma Nursing Students registered nursing staff who have received education and training.</li> <li>• Any staff who have not received education around single administration</li> </ul>		
<b>7. Exclusion circumstances (Who will not be covered)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff working in any other area who do not work in the ED</li> <li>• Undergraduate or seconded Nursing students on placement in the ED</li> </ul>		
<b>8. Description of events/activity to be covered</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication is prescribed in the usual manner</li> <li>• Medication is checked in the usual manner using the OLCHC independent 'Double Checking Algorithm'</li> <li>• Medication is administered to the child by one registered nurse checking the child's identity band and double checking identity with the parent/guardian. In the event that a parent is unavailable to be the second checker the double checking algorithm for administration will apply.</li> </ul>		
<b>9. Names of medications included in this protocol</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paracetamol oral solution all strengths</li> <li>• Paracetamol rectal preparations all strengths</li> <li>• Ibuprofen oral solution</li> <li>• Antihistamine</li> <li>• Oral rehydration solution</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhalers via MDI</li> <li>• Nebuliser solutions</li> <li>• First dose prednisolone</li> <li>• Oral antibiotics</li> <li>• Topical medication</li> </ul>
<b>10. Do guidelines accompany this protocol? Please enclose for review</b>		
Yes see SOP on the single administration of medication in the ED		
<b>11. Will the use of this protocol improve the patient journey/quality of patient service? (Please give details)</b>		
Yes. This protocol will assist the child's journey through the emergency department ensuring medication is administered in a timely safe manner.		
<b>12. Please include details of evidence to suggest this is best practice.</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) <i>Standards for Medicines Management for Nurses and Midwives</i>, NMBI, Dublin,</li> <li>• Royal college of Nursing Patient Group Directions Guidance and information for Nurses (RCN, 2006).</li> <li>• Nursing Policy on Medication Management (2016)</li> <li>• Standard Operating Procedure on the double checking single nurse administration of specific medication in the ED (2017)</li> <li>• OLCHC Medication Policy (2017)</li> </ul>		
<b>13 Non Conformance</b>		
In the event of non-compliance and/ or an increase in medication incidents arising, hospital policy pertaining to the incidents must be followed and follow up actions implemented. Audit will be carried out on annual basis to ensure that procedures are adhered to.		
<b>14. Authors</b>		
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<b>15. Approved by:</b> Dr Annemarie Broderick,		<b>Date</b> June 2018
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<b>Title Chair of the Drugs and Therapeutics</b>	<b>Signature</b>	

The parent must be available at all times in the ED to check the child's identity with the nurse prior to medication administration by one nurse. In the rare event where there is not a parent available to double check medication administration to a child, double checking and two nurse administration with name band check must occur.