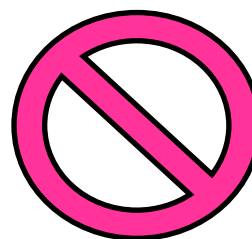


Carrying Medication Forward: Why is this important?



To reduce waste and
 save money

How to carry medication forward

- Do not routinely clear stock at the end of the cycle just to re-order new stock.
- Only order what you need, **do not stockpile**. Inform your community pharmacy provider if medications are carried forward / no longer required.
- It is recommended the remaining stock balance is recorded on the Medication Administration Record (MAR) chart or electronic e-MARs when administering medication from original packs, this will save time when ordering.
- Ensure the date of opening for liquids, creams, nasal sprays is recorded so can be carried forward to next monthly cycle.
- Check that the dose and number of inhalers ordered synchronise with the **monthly cycle**, e.g. if an inhaler contains 120 doses, and the dose is one puff twice daily, one inhaler would be sufficient for two month's supply which can be carried forward.
- **Medicines** and **inhalers** for 'when required' use should be carried forward and **NOT** routinely ordered every month.
- When ordering for the next cycle **check the expiry date** of the medication. See [ENHCCG Reducing Medicines Waste in Care Homes](#) for expiry date guidelines for different forms of medicines such as creams.
- Cross reference the new MAR with the medication label checking resident's name, name of medication, strength, form and directions are the same.
- Document on the new MAR the amount carried forward to the next cycle. Record the date and initials of the person responsible for making the entry.

| | | Commencing | Week 1 | | | | | | | Week 2 | | | | | | | Week 3 | | | | | | | Week 4 | | | | | | |
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| Medication Profile | | Time:Dose | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Paracetamol 500mg Tabs 1-2 tablets four times a day, when required | 8:00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12:00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16:00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20:00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dr Sig. | Carried forward | 48 | recd. | quant. | | | | | | | by | returned: destroyed | quant. | | | | | | | by | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commenced | | route | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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