Delegation of Medication Administration to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP)

Administering Sublingual Medication Module/Skill Checklist



Objective

At the completion of this module, the UAP should be able to administer medication under the tongue (sublingual).

NOTE:

- 1) The RN or LPN is permitted to delegate <u>ONLY</u> after application of all components of the NCBON Decision Tree for Delegation to UAP and <u>after careful consideration that</u> <u>delegation is appropriate:</u>
 - a) for this client,
 - b) with this acuity level,
 - c) with this individual UAP's knowledge and experience, and
 - d) **now** (or in the time period being planned).
- 2) Successful completion of the "Infection Control" module by the UAP should be documented prior to instruction in medication administration by this or ANY route.

Procedure

- 1. Perform skills in General Medication Administration Checklist.
- 2. If the client is able to place the sublingual pill under their tongue, instruct them on how to do so.
- 3. If they are unable to assist, put on clean gloves.
- 4. Place the sublingual pill under the client's tongue.
- 5. Instruct the client not to swallow the tablet. They are not to eat, drink, or smoke until the medication is dissolved.
- 6. Remove gloves and discard according to agency policy.
- 7. Cleanse hands.
- 8. Provide the **RIGHT DOCUMENTATION**.

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Skill Checklist

P Name (print)	ID Number	
SKILL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES	Pass x Not Yet	COMMENTS
1. Perform skills in <i>General Medication</i> Administration Checklist.		
2. Put on clean gloves.		
3. Assist client to place sublingual pill under tongue.		
4. Instruct client to not swallow the pill. They are not to eat, drink, or smoke until the medication is dissolved.		
5. Remove gloves.		
6. Cleanse hands.		