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VALIDATION of NURSING PRACTICE PRIOR to SINGLE CHECKING & ADMINISTRATION of MEDICATION (SCAM) for REGISTERED NURSES CHECKLIST

The following process must be completed for all Registered Nurses, prior to single checking administration of medications. The judgement about whether a Registered Nurse demonstrates a satisfactory standard of performance is based on:

- the interaction between the assessor's comprehensive knowledge of the expected standard of performance and the interpretation by the assessor of the Registered Nurse's knowledge base and application of this to their practice in regard to medication administration.
- The key elements in the validation process that can provide a guide to assessors in making judgements about a Registered Nurse's abilities include:
- Self- assessment by the Registered Nurse/ – individual nurses must be confident of their knowledge and skills base prior to completing the following validation and must know how to access relevant medication knowledge resources when required
- Observation by the assessor of the registered nurse- the registered nurse should be observed over a sufficient period of time and within a variety of different clinical situations to enable a reliable judgement of applied knowledge
- Feedback to the assessors in the clinical setting from: peers, customers and/or their families
- Review of all relevant documentation including medication charts.

Elements Performance Criteria Date Completed NUM Signature

- Checks own practice against INTENSIVE CARE AT HOME's policies/procedures.
- Consistently complies with INTENSIVE CARE AT HOME's policies and guidelines related to medication.
- Completes Medication Administration Worksheet (MAW)
- Demonstrates accuracy with calculations and knowledge of hospital policy by achieving 100% of correct worksheet responses
- Demonstrates an awareness of medication administration safety
- Reports and documents drug administration near misses, actual incidents or suggests improvements to drug safety within the clinical setting

