

RX-P3 MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION		
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Indications

- When medication administration is necessary and the medication must be given via the SQ or IM route or as an alternative route in selected medications

Contraindications

- Allergy to medication per protocol
- Aspiration of blood

Procedure - Intramuscular (IM)

1. Receive and confirm medication order, or perform according to standing orders.
2. Prepare equipment and medication, expelling air from the syringe.
3. Explain the procedure to the patient and reconfirm patient allergies.
4. Identify injection site(s) and cleanse with alcohol:
 - a. Adults: No more than 1 mL for the arm or 2 mL in the thigh or buttock.
 - b. Peds: The thigh should be used for all injections, and should not exceed 1 mL.
5. Hold the syringe at 90 degree angle, with skin pinched and flattened.
6. Insert the needle into the skin with a smooth, steady motion.
7. Aspirate for blood, then inject the medication.
8. Withdraw the needle quickly, dispose without recapping, and apply pressure to the site.
9. Monitor for the desired therapeutic effects as well as any possible side effects.
10. Document the medication, dose, route, and time on the patient care report (PCR).

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Procedure - Subcutaneous (SC)

1. Prep as per IM instructions #1 - #3.
2. Identify injection site(s) and cleanse with alcohol:
 - a. Adults: No more than 1 mL for the arm.
 - b. Peds: The thigh should be used for all injections, and should not exceed 1 mL.
3. Hold subcutaneous syringe at 45 degree angle.
4. Insert the needle into the skin with a smooth, steady motion.
5. Aspirate for blood,
then inject the
medication.
6. Withdraw the needle quickly, dispose without recapping, and
apply pressure to the site.
7. Monitor for the desired therapeutic effects as well as any possible side effects.
8. Document the medication, dose, route, and time on the patient care report
(PCR).