

12 Weeks to a Safer Medication System: **Week Ten**



Be a REAL HERO Medication
Errors Down to Zero

When setting-up and giving medications you must use infection control procedures routinely.

This weeks activity:

- Read your agency's policy or guidance on infection control procedures and proper hand washing or when hand sanitizers may be used (hand hygiene).
- Items such as pill cutters, CBG monitors (blood glucose) and insulin pens are considered personal items and should not be shared with other residents.
- Discuss with your team:
 - ❖ If using hand sanitizers are the containers placed in an easily accessible location?
 - ❖ If using medication carts is there hand sanitizer on each cart?
 - ❖ If reusable items for medication administration are routinely inspected and cleaned as appropriate?

For more information go to:

www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx

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