

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



Take A Stand

Support Medication Safety

Infection control is an important component of a safe medication administration process.

This weeks activity:

- Review your agency's medication administration policies to assure infection control procedures are addressed:
 - ❖ Hand washing or use of hand sanitizer before and after setting up medications and when coming in contact with residents.
 - ❖ Availability of hand sanitizer especially in areas without sinks with instructions on proper use.
 - ❖ When to use gloves i.e. when setting-up and applying nitroglycerin patch.
 - ❖ Making sure reusable items such as pill cutters, CBG monitors and insulin-pens are not shared with others and are marked with the resident's name.
- Review with staff hand washing or hand sanitizer procedures and what reusable items cannot be shared between residents.

For more information go to:

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

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