

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



Take A Stand

Support Medication Safety

Documenting when a PRN medication is given is only part of the story. The results must be documented in the resident record each time a PRN medication is given.

This weeks activity:

- Review your agency's policies on PRN medication documentation. Does it address:
 - ❖ Documentation requirements including expected results?
 - ❖ The need to evaluate the results of the PRN medication **before** a subsequent dose is due? For example a PRN medication is ordered q6 hours for hip pain – caregivers must evaluate the results **before** 6 hours has elapsed to determine if a subsequent dose is needed.
 - ❖ How to communicate with on-coming staff when a PRN has been given and when the resident should be checked?
- Review with staff your agency's expectation on documentation requirements for PRN medications.

For more information go to:

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

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