Time-critical medications must be given within 30 minutes, or less if specifically indicated, earlier or later than scheduled.

This week’s activity:
- Review the definition of a time-critical medication.
- Discuss with your team:
  - Why a time-critical medication must be given no earlier or later than 30 minutes from the scheduled time;
  - How time-critical medications are identified on the medication administration record (MAR);
  - Who can clarify if a medication is time-critical and how best to schedule the medication on the MAR.

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