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

This week’s 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