Six Rights of Safe Medication Administration

**Right Person**
- ✓ Check the first and last name of the resident
  - Does the name match the medical order?
  - Does the name match the name on the MAR?
  - Does the name on the medication container match?

**Right Medication**
- ✓ Check the name on the medication container
  - Does the medication match the medical order?
  - Does the medication match the name on the MAR?

**Right Dose**
- ✓ Check the strength and dosage
  - Is it a half-tablet, whole tablet or multiple tablets?
  - Is it alternating doses at different times or on different days?

**Right Time**
- ✓ Check the frequency
  - Was the time-critical medication given within 30 minutes (earlier or later) than scheduled?
  - If a second dose of a p.r.n. medication is needed is it too early?

**Right Route**
- ✓ Check the route
  - If eye or ear drops is it right side, left side or both sides?
  - Is the pill sublingual or swallowed? Can it be crushed or chewed?
  - Have transdermal patches or injection sites been rotated?

**Right Documentation**
- ✓ Check that all documentation is complete and legible
  - Is the medical order current?
  - Did you document on the MAR immediately after administering medications?
  - Have you documented results of p.r.n medications administered?

*It Matters — Take Control of Medication Administration*