

# 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***