

Promotional: Medication Assistance for Medication Aides

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Requirements:

For successful completion of this educational activity and receipt of 0.5 contact hour(s), the learner must:

1. Participate in 30 minutes of continuous learning.
2. Complete a quiz with a minimum score of 85%.
3. Complete an evaluation form.

Educational activity description:

This educational activity outlines guidelines for giving medications safely, including discussion of medication side effects and how to prevent and respond to medication errors. It is intended as continuing education for medication aides, not as initial training.

Target audience:

The target audience for this educational activity is medication aides and nurses in the long-term care setting. This is an introductory level educational activity. Information is geared to practitioners with a general working knowledge of current practice trends and literature related to the subject matter. The focus is on increasing understanding and competent application of the subject matter.

Learning outcome:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to demonstrate knowledge about medication assistance by passing a quiz with 85% or greater accuracy.

Learning objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify three (3) safety checks that need to be completed before administering a medication.
2. List three (3) rights of medication administration.
3. Select three (3) side effects of medications that should be reported to the nurse.

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