

LESSON PLAN: 13

COURSE TITLE: MEDICATION TECHNICIAN

UNIT: IV PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION

PROCEDURE: PREPARE, ADMINISTER, REPORT, AND RECORD  
TRANSDERMAL PATCHES.

NOTE: This procedure must be separate from administration of oral medications.

CAUTION: Follow specific manufacturer's instructions before applying a new transdermal patch.

1. Wash hands. Use facility approved antibacterial hand cleanser if handwashing facilities are not available.
2. Review and verify medication administration records/medication cards with physician's order according to facility policy. Check for allergies. Obtain vital signs if required.
3. Assemble equipment: individual medication tray, medication record/card, tissue, small plastic trash bag, transdermal patch, and two (2) pair of gloves.
4. Check medication record/card with label when removing medication from resident's individual compartment in external storage area. Review medication reference materials for any medications that you are not familiar with.
5. Remove medication from container.
6. Check label with medication record/card again.
7. Prepare the medication and place on the same tray with identification.
8. Check the label on the container a third time.
9. Document the medication on the MAR according to facility policy, making sure that the MAR is signed.
10. Carry tray to resident's room.
11. Knock on the resident's door and wait for permission before entering.
12. Identify yourself, and explain your purpose as you approach the resident with the medication.
13. Identify resident by calling his/her name and checking ID bracelet, picture, or with knowledgeable third person.

14. Wash hands and put on gloves.
15. Position resident, exposing only the area to which the medication will be applied and explain the procedure.
16. Locate and remove any old patches.

CAUTION: Follow specific manufacturer's instructions when removing old patches.

17. Clean any residual medication from the skin with a tissue.
18. Remove gloves pulling the glove over the used Transdermal patch and place gloves and used patch in a small plastic trash bag. Dispose of the trash bag according to facility policy.

CAUTION: DO NOT PLACE IN RESIDENT'S TRASH CAN! Old Transdermal patches must be disposed of properly. They are very hazardous to children and animals. Never touch the medication on the transdermal patches.

19. Wash hands and put on gloves.
20. Open drug packet and remove disk.
22. Label Transdermal patch with date, time and your initials.
21. Apply disk to appropriate, dry, clean, and hairless site.

NOTE: Sites should be rotated to avoid irritation.

CAUTION: Apply the system promptly upon its removal from the protective pouch to prevent evaporative loss of medication. Do not use if protective pouch has been opened or damaged.

22. Remove and dispose of gloves in an appropriate container.
23. Wash hands immediately.
24. Report unusual symptoms to the licensed nurse. Report and record essential information.