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Survey Readiness - Tips to Be Prepared!

It's important to make sure you're ready.
Consider using these helpful tips to help you during the survey process

Simple Steps to Follow - Keep your Medication Safe:

- ✓ Medication rooms and medication carts must be locked
- ✓ Expiration dates on all medications must be clearly marked
- ✓ Discharged patients' medication must be discarded
- ✓ Storage areas must be neat and organized,
- ✓ Medication must be segregated by route or administration
- ✓ Schedule IIs, abuse medications and ER stocks must be stored in a permanently affixed, double-locked compartment.
- ✓ Controlled substances need to be stored in a separate, double locked, permanently affixed container.
- ✓ Medication refrigerator must have a functioning thermometer to allow daily temperature logs to be completed least once a day

Med Pass Observation - What Surveyors are Looking for:

- Fluid and adjunctive food are covered and dated
- Proper patient identification through visual check of medication, label and MAR prior to administration
- Patient privacy is maintained
- Liquid medication is measured accurately
- Medications are never left unattended, such as on top of the med cart or at the patient's bedside
- Refused or withheld medications are properly noted.
- PRN medications are administered and documented appropriately
- Proper hand cleansing technique is followed at all times.
- Injections are properly prepared, administered, and documented

It's important that your nursing home is prepared for standard surveys to avoid CMS penalties.
By practicing readiness, surveys can be more successful and less stressful.

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