

79635 Nursing Service-Administration of Medications and Treatments

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No medication shall be used for any patient other than the patient for whom it was prescribed.

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The time and dose of the drug or treatment administered to the patient shall be recorded in the patient's individual medication record by the person who administers the drug or treatment. Recording shall include the date, the time, and the dosage, and route of administration or injection site of the medication or type

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