

## Basic Medications Activity 3

### Documenting Medication Errors

*Read each scenario and identify the error. Describe what action the DSP should take and what actions can prevent this in the future.*

#### Scenario #1

You are working as a DSP on the evening shift. All six individuals living in the home are present. This morning, Ruth Ann Jones, age 55, moved into the home. Ruth Ann is diagnosed with mental retardation, cause unknown. You are assisting with the evening medications, and this is the first time you are assisting Ruth Ann. When you look at the Medication Log, you notice that Ruth Ann takes many medications.

These include:

Tegretol 200mg daily (12p.m.)

Prilosec - 20 mg daily (8 a.m.)

Prozac - 20 mg twice daily (8 a.m. and noon)

Haldol - 2 mg 3 times a day (8 a.m., 12 p.m., and 5 p.m.)

Inderal - 40 mg 3 times a day (8 a.m., 12 p.m., and 5 p.m.)

Peri-Colace - 2 capsules at bedtime

You prepare the medications and assist Ruth Ann in taking them. When you sit down to document the medications given, you notice that only two, Haldol and Inderal, were to be given at 5 p.m. You gave the four medications ordered for earlier in the day, which included Prilosec and Prozac, as well as Tegretol and Inderal.

***What was the error?***

***What should you do?***

***What can the DSP do to prevent this from happening again?***

#### Scenario #2

You are a DSP working the day shift. There are six individuals living in the home. You have prepared the medications for Sarah, who is 22 years old. The medications include:

- Proventil syrup - 2 mg/5ml, 5ml daily in the morning
- Tegretol - 100mg/5ml, 5 ml twice daily

- Cisapride - 1mg/1ml, 3 ml four times a day, before meals and before sleep

It is 8 a.m. You help Sarah take 5 ml of each medication. When you document on the Medication Sheet, you notice the Cisapride was ordered 3 ml four times a day.

***What was the error?***

***What should you do?***

***What can the DSP do to prevent this from happening again.***

### **Scenario #3**

You have prepared morning medications for Guy. Jack calls from another room and wants assistance. You get up and go to the other room. When you return, you see Mike, Guy's roommate, finishing Guy's medication.

***What was the error?***

***What should you do?***

***What can the DSP do to prevent this from happening again?***