

Officer Training:

MEDICATION
ADMINISTRATION

Objectives

- Present Legal Issues of Concern
- Learn How to Properly Administer Medication
- Review Documentation requirements
- Gain Better Comfort Level By Being Informed

OFFICER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- SAFETY & SECURITY
- CONTINUITY OF CARE
- INVENTORY & DOCUMENTATION
- VERIFICATION VIA MEDICAL STAFF
- RECEIVING, PROCESSING
- ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
- MONITORING & REPORTING

Legal Implications

- Deliberate Indifference
 - The Right of Access to Care
 - The Right to the Care that is Ordered
 - The Right to a Professional Medical Judgment



Deliberate Indifference

- Unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain
 - 8th Amendment
 - Whether the indifference is manifested by prison doctors in their response to the prisoner's needs or by prison guards in intentionally denying or delaying access to medical care or intentionally interfering with the treatment once prescribed

Estelle vs Gamble 1976: 104-105

- > Does not render prison officials or staff liable in federal cases for malpractice or accidents, nor does it resolve professional disputes about the best choice of treatment

Legal Implications

- Serious Medical Needs

- Correctional officials must provide care for serious medical needs

- “Serious medical need” is one that has been diagnosed by a physician as mandating treatment or is so obvious that even a lay person would easily recognize the necessity for a doctor’s attention



Laws & Standards

- Minimum Standards for Jails in Ohio
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCCHC)
- American Correctional Association (ACA)
- NCCCHC: personnel who administer or deliver prescription medication are appropriately trained in matters of security, accountability, common side effects and documentation

Definitions

- ***Dispensing***: placing of one or more doses of a medication into containers
- ***Administering***: act in which a single dose is given to a patient
- ***MAR***: Medication Administration Record



MEDICATION ON PRISONER AT TIME OF BOOKING

- # OF BOTTLES, LOOSE PILLS, PAPER SCRIPTS, ETC...
- INVENTORY & DOCUMENT
- SOURCES OF INFORMATION; INMATE, PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN, PHARMACY, FAMILY
- CONTACT JAIL HEALTH CARE STAFF FOR INSTRUCTIONS



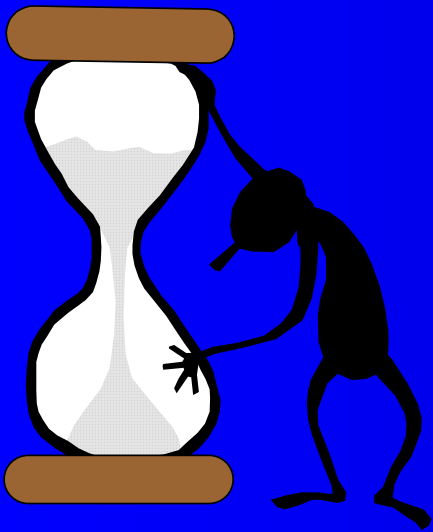
WHEN TO USE MEDICATION THAT CAME IN WITH PRISONER

- IF MEDICATIONS CAN BE VALIDATED
- IF IT IS A NON-STOCK URGENT MEDICATION
- IF SHORT ORDER ANTIBIOTIC OR PAIN MEDICATION PRESCRIPTIONS
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM HEALTH CARE STAFF

LEGAL VS ILLEGAL RX

- NAME ON BOTTLE SAME AS INMATES
 - APPROPRIATE FILL DATE ON LABEL
 - LABEL IS NOT ALTERED
 - ONLY ONE TYPE OF PILL/CAPSULE IN BOTTLE
- NAME ON LABEL NOT THAT OF INMATE
 - DIFFERENT TYPES OF PILLS/CAPSULES MIXED
 - LABEL BEYOND APPROPRIATE DATE
 - LABEL ALTERED
 - WRONG MEDICATION IN THE CONTAINER

URGENT OR NOT?



- MEDICATIONS FOR SEIZURES, DIABETES, HIV, HEART CONDITIONS, BLOOD THINNERS ARE URGENT
- PSYCHOTROPIC (“HEAD MEDS”), ANTIBIOTICS, ULCER DISORDER MEDICATIONS ARE NOT URGENT BUT SHOULD BE PROCESSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

TAKING DELIVERY OF A PHARMACY ORDER

- SIGN FOR DELIVERY
- DOUBLE CHECK DELIVERED ITEMS WITH ORIGINAL ORDER FORM
- SIGN YOUR NAME AND UNIT NUMBER ON DELIVERY PAPERWORK
- PLACE MEDICATIONS IN HEALTH CARE OFFICE

RECEIPT OF MEDICATION

(CONTINUED)

- DOCUMENT AND REPORT DELIVERY ERRORS IMMEDIATELY TO PHARMACY AND THE HEALTH CARE STAFF
- MEDICATION THAT IS THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WHEN AUTHORIZED BY JAIL PHYSICIAN

HANDLING OF PERSONAL MEDICATIONS

- FOLLOW PROTOCOL OR VERIFY PLAN OF ACTION WITH HEALTH CARE STAFF
- IF APPROVED: ADMINISTER DOSE(S) FROM BOTTLES
- DOCUMENT USE OF PERSONAL MEDICATIONS, PLACE REMAINDER IN HEALTH CARE OFFICE OR INMATE'S PROPERTY PER POLICY

Six Rights of Medication

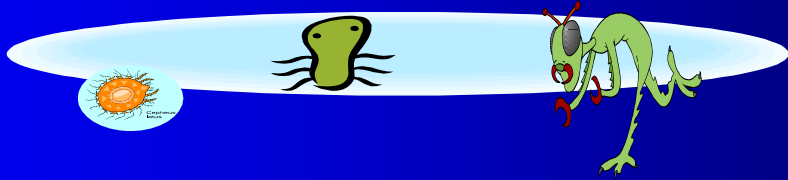
- The Right Inmate
- The Right Time
- The Right Medication
- The Right Dose
- The Right Route
- The Right to Refuse

DISTRIBUTION TIME

- BE CONSISTENT
- DOCUMENT ACTUAL DELIVERY TIMES NOT WHEN YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE
- ALWAYS INITIAL DESIGNATED PAPERWORK
- HAVE INMATE INITIAL
- DISTRIBUTE ALL MEDICATIONS EACH ROUND
- FOLLOW-UP WITH INMATES WHO WERE OUT TO COURT, VISITATION, WORK DETAIL, ETC...

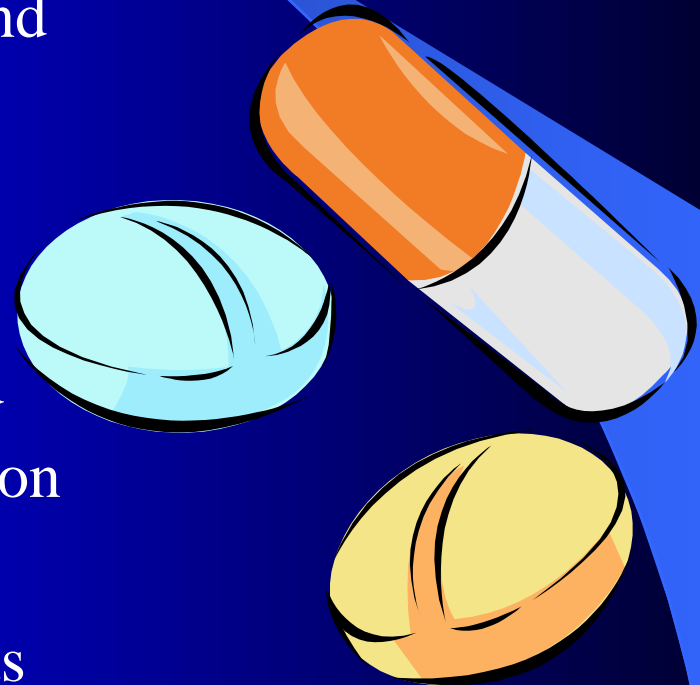
WHEN NOT TO GIVE MEDICATIONS

- UNVALIDATED MEDICATIONS
- WHEN INMATE IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY SUBSTANCE
- IF YOU OR THE INMATE HAS ANY UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS/CONCERNS ABOUT THE MEDICATION
- IF YOU ARE NOT SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT INMATE



Administration

- Wash hands before medication round
- Read label several times
- Identify right inmate
- Instruct inmate if necessary
- Pour medication into inmate's hand
- Monitor inmate taking the medication
- Document each administration
- Wash hands after medication rounds



Documentation

- Chart after giving the medication; not before
- Use black ink; not pencil
- Never use white out or erase; single line, initial and date error
- Only chart medication that YOU give
- Chart accurate date and time
- Document reason if medication not administered

WHAT TO DO IF INMATE SAYS “THAT ISN’T MINE”

- DO NOT FORCE MEDICATION ON INMATE
- ASK INMATE WHY IT’S NOT HIS/HERS
- HOLD MEDICATION UNTIL ISSUE IS RESOLVED
- REVIEW DOCUMENTATION
- CONTACT HEALTH CARE STAFF FOR CLARIFICATION

“THAT’S NOT MY MED!”

SOME REASONS IT MAY BE TRUE

- PHARMACY MIX-UP?
- WRONG INMATE? (SAME NAME AS ANOTHER INMATE?)
- DIFFERENT MANUFACTURER
- CHANGE IN DOSAGE
- CHANGE IN MEDICATION
- INMATE MENTALLY CONFUSED

BE AWARE OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTIONS TO MEDICATIONS

- DIZZINESS
- HEADACHE
- INTENSE ITCHING
- SWELLING OF TONGUE
- BLURRED VISION
- SLURRED SPEECH
- DROOLING

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ADVERSE REACTIONS

- TAKE COMPLAINTS SERIOUSLY
- DOCUMENT SIGNS & SYMPTOMS
- CONTACT THE HEALTH CARE STAFF (911 IF INDICATED)
- CONTINUE TO MONITOR INMATE
- FOLLOW JAIL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

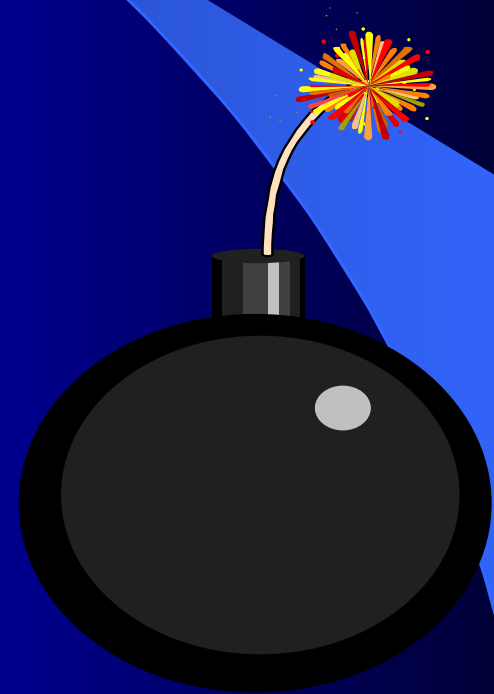


GAMES INMATES PLAY

- TONGUING PILLS
- PLACING BETWEEN FINGERS ON WAY TO MOUTH
- DROP INTO SHIRT POCKET ON WAY TO MOUTH
- DROP INTO SINK WHEN GETTING WATER
- SPIT IT OUT AFTER YOU LEAVE
- SELL TO OTHERS
- SAVE FOR LATER USE
- HOARD FOR USE IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT
- TRADE FOR COMMISSARY ITEMS

IF YOU FIND NON-COMPLIANCE

- ASK INMATE WHY THEY ARE NOT TAKING MEDICATION
- CONDUCT A CELL SEARCH
- THOROUGHLY DOCUMENT WHAT YOU FOUND
- REPORT INCIDENT TO HEALTH CARE STAFF
- REMAIN ALERT DURING ALL MEDICATION ROUNDS



Of Special Note

- Stay Alert – pay attention to “gut” feelings
- Do Not throw medication out during cell searches
- Keep an eye on medications and supplies during rounds – sticky fingers are everywhere
- Have an inventory and sign-off form for receiving medications from friends/family
- Document all return or destruction of medications
- Insist on getting empty inhaler before new one given

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Have a Great Day!!