

Module 24

THE ROLE OF THE HOME CARE AIDE IN MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Objectives

- At the end of the module, the nurse aide will be able to:
 1. Identify unique medication requirements of home care patients
 2. Explain some physiological issues associated with home care patients and medications
 3. Recognize possible side effects of medications
 4. Understand the home care aide's role in medication administration

The Role of the Home Care Aide in Medication Administration

- It is important to understand that older adults/elderly patients will have unique medication requirements, and possible risk factors



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- There are important physiological changes to be aware of with elderly patients



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- Handout #1 – NC Board of Nursing Guide for Assisting Patients with Self-Administration of Medications



The Role of the Home Care Aide in Medication Administration

- There are many things that a home care aide can do to help a patient who is taking medications



The Role of the Home Care Aide in Medication Administration

- Possible major side effects and other issues



The Role of the Home Care Aide in Medication Administration

- Activity #1 – Can/Cannot



The Role of the Home Care Aide in Medication Administration

- Activity #2 – Case Scenarios



- Assisting patients with proper medication compliance (follow the physician's instructions) may be one of the most important things you do as a home care aide. Always trust that your supervisor will help you with questions or concerns that you will have regarding medication issues.