**Purpose**

1. To ensure that residents who have been assessed as capable to self-administer medications are correctly taking their medications
2. To accurately document self-administered medications on MDS assessments

# **Procedure**

1. Assess each resident’s ability to self-administer using the Observation “[Self-Administration of Medication Assessment](https://oprs.achievematrix.com/Zion?zionpagealias=CHARTCREATE&PATIENTID=23375&formId=488&categoryName=Other%20Clinical%20Assessments&formDescription=Self-Administration%20Of%20Medication%20Assessment)” in the electronic medical record (see policy-Medication-Self Administration Policy)
2. If the resident is deemed capable of self-administration of medications and desires to self-administer:
   1. Place medications in a reasonably secure place out of the reach of other residents.
   2. Add an “Administration Note” in the orders section of the chart stating “Ask resident for each self-administered medication if taken or not taken and document in MAR.”
   3. The nurse will initial the MAR for each medication that the resident reports self-administering. These initials DO NOT represent that the nurse administered the medication ONLY that the resident reported that they had self-administered the medication.