**Basic Responsibility**

## Licensed Nurse, Interdisciplinary Team and Physician

**Purpose**

1. To enforce the resident’s right to self medicate
2. To avoid medication errors
3. To ensure the resident’s safety

**Equipment**

# Self-Administration Evaluation Observation in the electronic medical record.

# **Procedure**

1. All residents will be asked if they wish to self-medicate
2. All residents that express a desire to self-medicate will be evaluated by a nurse and/or the Interdisciplinary Team to determine if the resident can self-administer medications safely
3. If the resident is able to self-administer medications the nurse/team will determine:
   1. Who will be responsible (nursing staff or resident) for storage and documentation of administration
   2. Where administration will take place: resident’s room, nursing station, etc.
4. All appropriate documentation will be placed on the resident’s care plan
5. The resident’s ability to self-administer medications will be reevaluated based on changes in resident’s status
6. The facility can require that the nurse administer medications until the Interdisciplinary Team has the opportunity to obtain the information to make an assessment of the resident’s ability to safely self-administer medications

**General Documentation Guidelines**

1. Complete the Self Administration Evaluation Observation
2. If the resident is able to self-administer medications include this in the care plan
3. Documents what medications the resident self-administers, where they self-administer and where the medications are kept
4. The resident’s physician will sign the self-administration observation and it will then be scanned into the patient’s record or the physician will write an order listing the mediations that may be self-administered.