

## Medication Preparation Guidelines

1. Meds must be given on time. Schedule with Instructor to give it *½ hour early*.
2. Child's weight (admission) required to calculate amounts. The concentration of the med is essential in verifying safe dosage ( mg/ ml or mg/ tab)
3. Check the SCMVC drug book for correct pedi dosages by weight. ( mg/ kg/ d).
4. Administration facts you should know:
  - When did the client last receive the med?
  - How does this client like to take the med? (juice/food/parent giving)
  - Are there therapeutic drug levels for this med? (ie. digoxin, gentamicin, phenobarbital). What are the normal values? What are *your client's* values?
5. IM/ SQ: Where do you want to give the shot? Where was it last given? What does the client chose?
6. PO: What is the best way to give this med? (spoon/ syringe/nipple/ in fluid/ in food). Did you consult the parents? Let mom/ family member give the PO med with your help!
7. Be prepared to answer these questions before you are allowed to give this medication:
  - What med is your client getting?
  - Why is he getting it?
  - What will it do for him?
  - How much is he getting? (per dose/ per day)
  - How much is he allowed per dose/ per day? (range in SCVVC drug book)
  - Is the order a safe amount?(per the drug book)
  - Are there any therapeutic levels for this med?