

Optional Flip Chart Activity: Preventing Medication Errors

- Engage participants in brainstorming solutions to prevent errors.

Potential Ideas:

- Buy measuring devices so that if the parent doesn't bring 1 in, the facility has an accurate measuring tool.
 - If the person administering medication isn't familiar with all of the children, attach a photo of the child to the Medication Administration Packet or Medication Log to make sure she or he has the right child.
 - Set up a checklist to ask parents when they gave the last dose of medication to make sure that the doses are not too close or too far apart.
 - If errors are a problem, consider having a second person double check the 5 Rights.
 - Post the 5 Rights and the written procedure in the medication administration area.
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