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Medication error prevention

Core Nursing Essentials Essential Patient Safety & Medication Rules

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Introduction & key concepts

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Nursing responsibilities

- Check identity, consent, the relevant observations and the purpose of the assessment.
- Record the finding, context and response using the approved clinical record.
- Escalate uncertainty or deterioration to the responsible professional; do not use a study note as a standing treatment order.

Clinical example & examination focus

In a viva, explain medication error prevention in your own words, identify the observations needed and state a limitation. Compare the finding with the patient's baseline rather than assuming one number or label gives a diagnosis.

Quick Revision

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Frequently asked question

Can this summary replace practical training?

No. Use your prescribed learning material and the institution's current protocol with qualified supervision.

References & review status

- WHO - Medication Without Harm (https://www.who.int/initiatives/medication-without-harm/) - Initiative launched 2017; accessed 26 November 2026. Medication safety systems and transitions of care.

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