



Key Legislation: Medicines Act 1968 | Mental Capacity Act 2005 | NMC Standards

KEY STATISTICS



£98 million

Annual cost of medication errors to the NHS



1,700

Deaths per year linked to medication errors in



50%

Of medication errors occur during



80%

Of errors preventable with proper training and double-checking

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

 Understand the legal framework for medication administration

 Apply the 7 Rights of medication administration

 Recognise common medications and their effects

 Identify and report medication errors and near misses

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1 Right Patient
Verify identity using at least two identifiers — name and date of birth

2 Right Medication
Check medication name carefully — look-alike/sound-alike drugs are common errors

3 Right Dose
Calculate correctly and have it checked — never guess

4 Right Route
Verify route matches prescription — oral, topical, injection

