

# A Project of Applying PDCA cycle to Improve New Nurse Medication Error in Surgical Ward

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## Purpose

Medical errors are problems in types of medical negligence. Medicine behavior is the most activating part of work every day. When accidental events happen, they affect patients' safety, worsen patients' condition, prolong the length of days in hospital and even result in death. The purpose of the study was to describe medical error problems and prevent new staff from abnormal medication administration.

## Methods

The study used actual auditing process, abnormal analysis and interview for new staff. The collection period was from March, 2013 to October, 2013. Investigation has shown that new nurse's medication administration revealed as follows: (1) lack of standard training courses (2) lack of auditing process for internal reference (3) lack of knowledge and skills in medication administration (4) similar medicine were placed close to each other

## Resolution

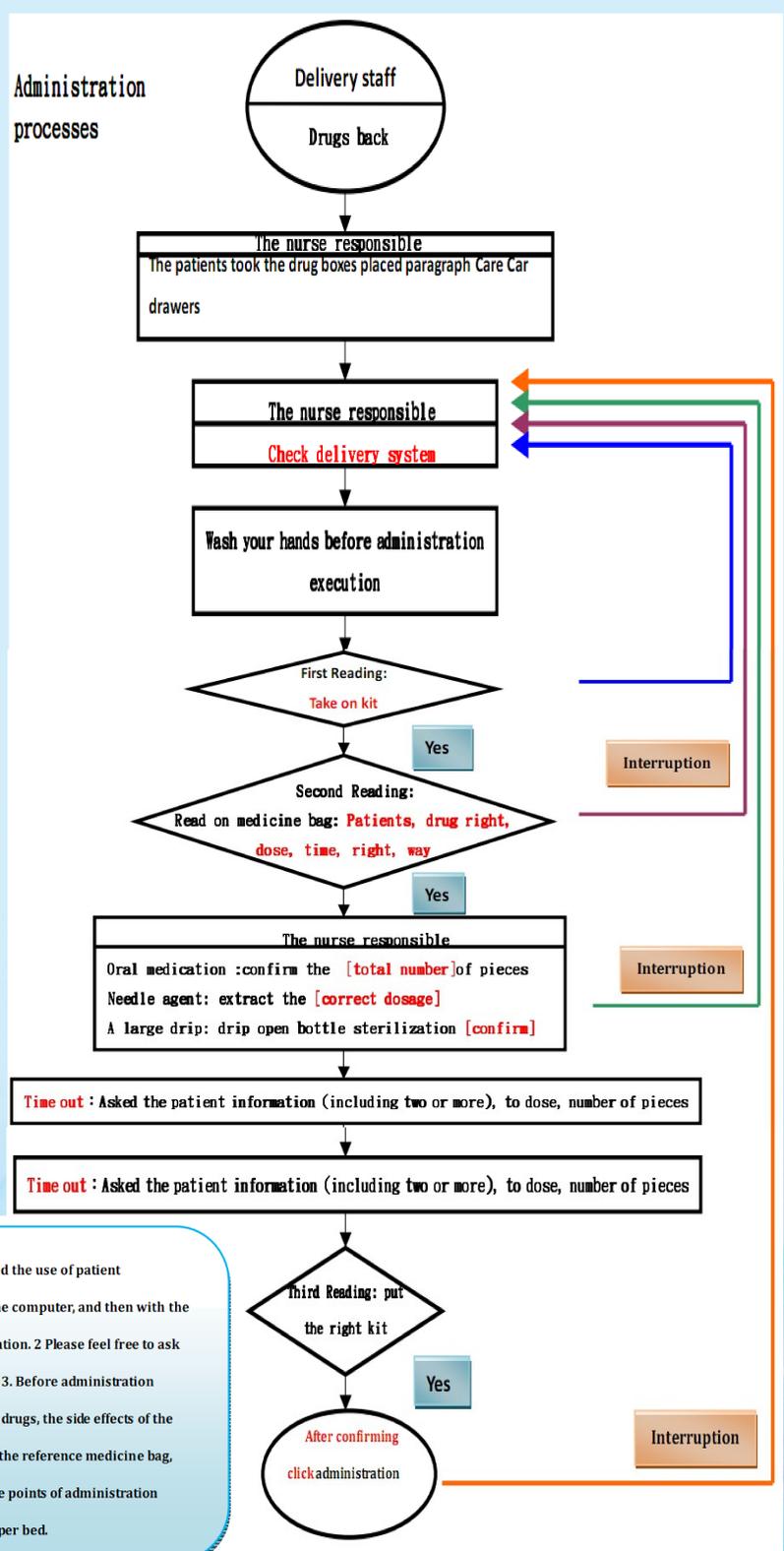
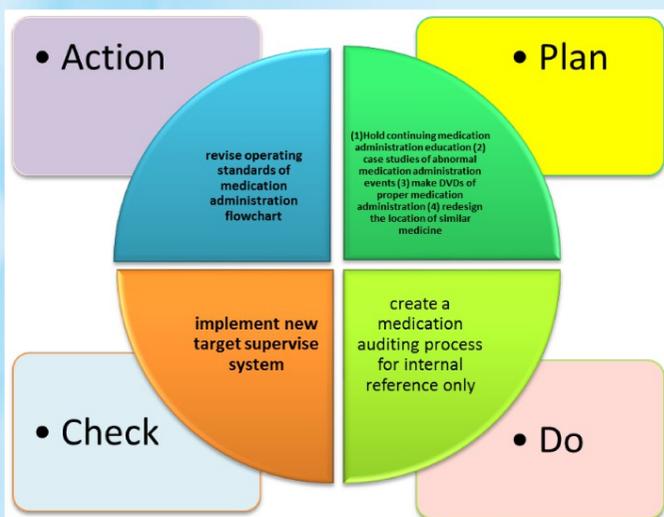
The **Plan- Do- Check- Action** (PDCA) cycle was applied and multiple intervention strategies implemented, **Plan**-(1) Hold continuing medication administration education (2) case studies of abnormal medication administration events (3) make DVDs of proper medication administration (4) redesign the location of similar medicine; **Do**- create a medication auditing process for internal reference only; **Check**- implement new target supervise system; **Action**- revise operating standards of medication administration flowchart; Administration prompted Pictures.

## Results

New nurses the PDCA process have made less mistakes from the 24 medication administration events down to 11 ones. Auditing process rate has reached 100 percent, which represents the new staff could issue medication correctly.

## Conclusions

By implementation of this project, nurse should be able to amend the accuracy of general medication and elevate the safety of using medication. As a result, patients will receive a better quality of nursing care and share this sort of problem with other new staff.



Note 1. Environment restricted the use of patient information labels to check the computer, and then with the hand ring do patient identification. 2 Please feel free to ask your doctor interpret unclear 3. Before administration should be aware of the role of drugs, the side effects of the drug may be unfamiliar with the reference medicine bag, USP / instruction sheet. 4 time points of administration should examine each patient per bed.

