



<b>Physician</b>	Physician distracts or interrupts the nurse administering medications.
<b>Other nurse</b>	A nurse not involved in the medication administration distracts or interrupts the nurse administering medications.
<b>Other personnel</b>	Other personnel distract or interrupt the nurse administering medications.
<b>Phone call</b>	The nurse administering medications is interrupted by a phone call or places a phone call.
<b>Other patient's parent</b>	Other patient's parent interrupts the nurse or the nurse must stop administering routine medications to listen to their requests
<b>Other patient Verbal Communication (VC)/Crying out (C)</b>	A different patient interrupts the nurse or the nurse must stop administering routine medications to attend to a different patient. If the patient communicates verbally, write "VC". If the patient communicates by crying out, write "C".
<b>Visitor</b>	A visitor or person other than an employee distracts the nurse administering medications.
<b>Missing medication</b>	The nurse administering medications interrupts his/her activity due to one or more missing medications from the patient's drawer or from the medicine cabinet, which causes the nurse to take action to retrieve them.
<b>Not-Clear (NC)/Wrong dose medication (W)</b>	The nurse administering medications encounters a not clear and/or wrong medication dose on the patient's chart and interrupts his/her activity to ask for clarification. If the medical prescription is not clear or illegible, write "NC". If the dose is wrong, write "W".
<b>Emergency situation</b>	Any emergency such as a cardiac arrest or a change in patient's health, which necessitates the nurse's immediate action.
<b>External conversation</b>	Loud conversation going on in the medication administration area, or any conversation not related to the medication administration that the nurse is engaged in.
<b>External noise</b>	Loud noises audible to the nurse administering medications that appear to distract the nurse.
<b>Door phone</b>	The ringing of the door phone interrupts the nurse who has to stop medication administration in order to answer it.
<b>Patient's Bell call (B)/Monitor (M)</b>	The sound of the patient's bell or the monitors ringing interrupts the nurse administering medications. Write "B" for the patient's bell or "M" for the monitors.
<b>Other</b>	Any other distraction not mentioned above that interrupts the nurse administering medications.

- An interruption includes any action that draws away, or disturbs the mind or the attention from achieving the medication administration goal.
- Medication Administration includes preparation, administration and registration of the medications on the patient's clinical documentation.