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## Medication Management

Policy Number 49

### Introduction

*The professional management of medication is an important clinical responsibility taking place in every Members assignment. Medication is an element of care which has a significant impact upon both the patients' return to health and the potential to inflict serious harm.*

### Policy

*NOA Members' are expected to conduct the administration of medication procedures the care and concentration required to enhance the patients' well being and prevent harm.*

*This is achieved by strict observation of local policy and guide lines.*

*NOA Members' must adhere to present and future national legislation, guidance and policy as identified by professional and regulatory bodies.*

*NOA Members' are charged with maintain their knowledge of any changing regulations and reviewing their performance in light of those changes.*

*Failure to observe current policy and guidance will result in investigation and may result in disciplinary action and/or referral to legislative bodies.*

### Policy Origin

*In House Policy.*

### References

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