

# A Ward Support Technician's Understanding of Drug History Taking

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# How do we identify who needs a drug history completing?

Anti epileptic medication

Parkinson's Disease

P.O.D.'s that do not match the drug chart

Methadone patients

Incomplete drug history in notes

# What information do we need?

- Name of drug
- Strength
- Formulation
- Brand
- Dosage
- Inhalers
- Bisphosphonates
- Calcichew / Adcal preparations
- Injections

## Other useful pieces of information

Eye /Ear drops

Nasal drops / sprays

Insulin

Topical preparations

Acute prescriptions

OTC preparations

Medication stopped, started, changed

How medicines managed at home

# Where do we obtain this information ?

- The patient
- Relatives / Carers
- Repeat prescriptions
- P.O.D.'s
- Community Pharmacy
- G.P. Letter / Printout
- M.A.R. Chart
- Hospital Records
- G.P. Surgery

# Allergies

- The patient
- Relative / Carers
- G.P. Surgery
- Community Pharmacist
- Previous Drug chart / T.T.O.
- M.A.R. Chart

# What do we do with this information?

- Document in the notes
- Source
- Date and signature
- Status
- Communication sheet