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## DO WE FOLLOW PRESCRIBING AND ADMINISTERING GUIDELINES?

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This audit was done in July 2010 in an Geriatric Psychiatric Unit. Data collected from 45 drug cards with a total of 368 prescriptions, both psychotropic and non-psychotropic, regular and PRN prescriptions.

The aim was to analyse % of prescriptions on drug cards are meeting Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust guidelines in both medics prescribing and nurses administering. Prescribing guidelines:

Ø drug: generic name, capitals, dose amount, dose unit, frequency, route of administration

Ø patient: full name, address, date of birth (D.O.B.), patient id (P.I.D.), allergy status, team, ward

Ø prescribing doctor: signature, printed name, date of prescription

Ø In general: legibility and black ink

Administering guidelines:

- At administration of the drug, the practitioner must, sign with initials in the appropriate column of the official prescription sheet or introduce the correct code.

The results:

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SIGNATURE AT ADMINISTRATION by the nurses

- Signed 95%
- Signed + code 18.5%
- Administered by the nurses but not signed by dr. 0.5%

Recommendations:

1. Medics and nurses teaching
2. Introduction of the prescribing guidelines in the junior doctors trust induction handbook
3. Notes with prescribing /administering guidelines
4. Special print name box on the drug card
5. Introducing electronic prescribing to avoid missing allergies
6. Re-audit December 2010

The first four recommendations have been already implemented.

The audit has been registered with the Clinical Governance Department . By the time of the presentation of the poster with your permission in March, the audit cycle will be closed.