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Name of the procedure/Rubric/ *Rationale*: Oral Medication Administered (Pediatric)

Step	Procedure	Yes	No	Remarks
1.	Verify the provider's order for eye drops with the medication administration record (MAR). Check for 6 rights of medication (Patient, drug, dose, route, time, reason) administration Check allergy history.			
2.	Perform hand hygiene.			
3.	Gather supplies and medication on a clean tray: - Medication - Check 6 rights and perform second check of safe medication administration - If liquid medication is to be administered: - Draw prescribed amount into the syringe without needle - Label syringe with drug name, dose, time, and your initial - Clean spoon if spoon feeding required - Clean cup - Drinking water - Tissue			
4.	Greet and identify the child using two identifiers (name and date of birth). Explain the procedure and obtain consent from parents and the child (where appropriate).			
5.	Before medication administration: ☐ Review history of allergies, drug allergies, and type and severity of allergic reaction (if present). ☐ Complete third check of safe medication administration by checking right drug, route, dose, time at bedside.			
6.	Assess the child's age and swallowing ability; ask parents about child's ability to swallow different forms of medication			
7.	Position the child in an upright position. Ask the parents to sit their infant/toddler on their lap in the upright position.			

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8.	Perform hand hygiene.			
9.	For older child who is able to swallow tablets/liquid on their own, give the medication to swallow and offer drinking water in a cup. For infant/toddlers: - Let them suck medicine out of the syringe or spoon, or administer small amounts on the side of the tongue - Administer slowly, letting them swallow medicine before giving more			
10.	Help clean the mouth with tissue.			
11.	Discard gloves and other used equipments as per agency policy.			
12.	Perform hand hygiene.			
13.	Document assessments, medication administration and child's response.			
14.	Evaluate the child's response to the medication within an appropriate time frame.			

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