

OASIS ITEM
<p><b>(M2030) Management of Injectable Medications:</b> <u>Patient's current ability</u> to prepare and take <u>all</u> prescribed injectable medications reliably and safely, including administration of correct dosage at the appropriate times/intervals. <b><u>Excludes IV medications.</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - Able to independently take the correct medication(s) and proper dosage(s) at the correct times.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Able to take injectable medication(s) at the correct times if:            (a) individual syringes are prepared in advance by another person; <u>OR</u>            (b) another person develops a drug diary or chart.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Able to take medication(s) at the correct times if given reminders by another person based on the frequency of the injection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 - <u>Unable</u> to take injectable medication unless administered by another person.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NA - No injectable medications prescribed.</p>
ITEM INTENT
<p>This item is intended to assess the patient's ability to take <b>all</b> injectable medications reliably and safely at <b>all</b> times. The intent of the item is to identify the patient's ABILITY, not necessarily actual performance. "Willingness" and "compliance" are not the focus of these items. These items address the patient's ability to safely manage injectable medications, given the current physical and mental/emotional/cognitive status, activities permitted, and environment. The patient must be viewed from a wholistic perspective in assessing ability to perform medication management. Ability can be temporarily or permanently limited by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- physical impairments (e.g., limited manual dexterity)</li> <li>- emotional/cognitive/behavioral impairments (e.g., memory deficits, impaired judgment, fear)</li> <li>- sensory impairments, (e.g., impaired vision, pain)</li> <li>- environmental barriers (e.g., access to kitchen or medication storage area, stairs, narrow doorways)</li> </ul>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED
<p>Start of care</p> <p>Resumption of care</p> <p>Follow-up</p> <p>Discharge from agency – not to an inpatient facility</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excludes IV medications, infusions (i.e., medications given via a pump), and medications given in the physician's office or other settings outside the home.</li> <li>• Includes one-time injections administered in the home.</li> <li>• If the patient sets up her/his own individual doses and is able to take the correct medication in the correct dosage at the correct time as a result of this, select Response 0.</li> <li>• Select Response 1 for a patient independent in injectable medication administration if another person must prepare individual doses <b>and/or</b> if another person must develop a drug diary or chart.</li> <li>• If reminders to take medications are necessary, then select Response 2, regardless of the whether the patient is independent or needs assistance in preparing individual doses and/or developing a drug diary or chart. (Reminders provided by a device that the patient can independently manage are not considered "assistance" or "reminders.")</li> <li>• Select Response 3 if the physician ordered the RN to administer an injection in the home.</li> </ul>

**Guidance for this item updated 12/2012**

RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd for OASIS Item M2030)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If the patient's ability to manage injectable medications varies from medication to medication, consider the medication for which the most assistance is needed when selecting a response.</li><li>• PRN injectables, ordered and included on POC, are to be considered when determining the patient's ability to manage injectable medications. If the PRN medication was not needed during the assessment timeframe, use clinical judgment and make an inference regarding the patient's ability by asking them to describe and demonstrate the steps for administration and needle disposal, considering the patient's cognitive and physical status as well as any other barriers.</li><li>• Assessment strategies: A combined observation/interview approach with the patient or caregiver is required to determine the most accurate response for this item. Observe patient preparing the injectable medications. If it is not time for the medication, ask the patient to describe and demonstrate the steps for administration. The cognitive/mental status and functional assessments contribute to determining the appropriate response for this item.</li></ul>
DATA SOURCES / RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Observation/demonstration is the preferred method</li><li>• Patient/caregiver interview</li><li>• Physical assessment</li><li>• Cognitive assessment</li><li>• Environmental assessment</li></ul>