

OASIS ITEM:	
<p>(M0780) Management of Oral Medications: Patient's ability to prepare and take <u>all</u> prescribed oral medications reliably and safely, including administration of the correct dosage at the appropriate times/intervals. Excludes injectable and IV medications. (NOTE: This refers to ability, not compliance or willingness.)</p>	
<p>Prior Current</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 - Able to independently take the correct oral medication(s) and proper dosage(s) at the correct times.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Able to take medication(s) at the correct times if: (a) individual dosages are prepared in advance by another person; <u>OR</u> (b) given daily reminders; <u>OR</u> (c) someone develops a drug diary or chart.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - <u>Unable</u> to take medication unless administered by someone else.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA - No oral medications prescribed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> UK - Unknown
DEFINITION:	
<p>Identifies the patient's ability to prepare and take oral medications reliably and safely and the type of assistance required to administer the correct dosage at the appropriate times/intervals. The focus is on what the patient is able to do, not on the patient's compliance or willingness. The prior column should describe the patient's ability <u>14 days prior to the start (or resumption) of care visit</u>. The focus for today's assessment - the "current" column is on what the patient is <u>able</u> to do today.</p>	
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:	
<p>Start of care - prior and current ability Resumption of care - prior and current ability Discharge from agency - not to an inpatient facility -- current ability</p>	
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exclude injectable and IV medications. "UK - Unknown" is an option only in the "prior" column. This response should be used only if there is no way to determine the patient's prior ability on this item. Only medications whose route of administration is "po" should be considered for this item. Medications given per gastrostomy (or other) tube are <u>not</u> administered "po," but are administered "per tube." 	
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:	
<p>A combined observation/interview approach with the patient or caregiver is required to determine the most accurate response for this item. Observe patient opening medication containers. Ask the patient to state the proper dosage for each medication and the correct times for administration. The cognitive/mental status and functional assessments contribute to determining the appropriate response for this item. If patient's ability to manage medications varies from medication to medication, consider total number of medications and total daily doses in determining what is true most of the time.</p>	