



## **Position Statement: Medication Administration**

The administration of medication is the process whereby a prescribed medication or a medication ordered under a nurse protocol, O.C.G.A. §43-34-26-1, is given to a patient/client by one of several routes to include but not be limited to, oral, inhalation, topical, rectal, or parenteral. The registered nurse verifies the medication order and the properly prescribed medication, gives the medication in accordance with current standards of practice and accepted principles and procedures as taught in nursing education. These include verification that the right medication is being given to the right patient/client in the right dose, by the right route at the right time as well as the assessment of the patient/client following administration of the medication for expected effects and possible untoward side effects. Administration of medication is a complex nursing responsibility which requires knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology. Registered nurses may administer medications prescribed by authorized health care providers which may include protocols as defined in O.C.G.A. §43-34-26.1.

