SYMPTOMATIC RELIEF PROCEDURE

Does the patient meet the criteria for the Symptomatic Relief Policy and is there a valid prescription?

Yes

Has the nurse met the qualification criteria to administer symptomatic relief?

Yes

Assess the patient’s condition and select appropriate medicine from the Symptomatic relief (SR) formulary

Check the patient records and with the patient for any known drug hypersensitivity or adverse reaction

If Yes

Do not administer SR medicine. Contact prescriber and document in patient record

If OK

Check the patient records for any conditions mentioned in the contraindications and precautions for the selected medicine or interaction with other prescribed medication

If Yes

Do not administer SR medicine. Contact prescriber and document in patient record

If OK

Check the recording sheet to ensure that the same or similar medicine has not been administered within the time parameters

If Yes

Do not administer SR medicine. Contact prescriber and document in patient record

If OK

Administer medicine and record the administration

Assess and record the patient’s condition and monitor the alleviation of symptoms

If there is no improvement or the patient has an adverse reaction or symptoms persist beyond 24 hours contact prescriber for patient examination. Document in patient record

No

Do not administer symptomatic relief. Contact prescriber giving details of patient’s condition

No