

Administration to children aged 16 years and under in hospital and healthcare premises



Purpose of this procedure:

Preparation and administration of medicines for children must be checked by two registered practitioners, or one first level registered nurse and one suitably competent student nurse. The student nurse must have received the relevant theoretical preparation in the university and on placement and be assessed by their mentor(s) to ensure they have the necessary competence.

The Procedure:

- 1.0 Dose calculations must be carried out independently by two registered practitioners or with a suitably competent student nurse (see chart).

<http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/Directory/medicinespolicysubcommittee/Pages/Documents.aspx>

The clinical pharmacist must be contacted if there is any uncertainty regarding the dose or calculation.

- 2.0 The child's current weight in kilograms must be recorded on the prescription chart.
- 3.0 If the child refuses to take medicines from the practitioners, a parent may administer oral medication but only in the presence of both practitioners involved.

Associated materials/references:

[The Safe Use of Medicines Policy](#)

[Administration of medicines within hospital and NHS Lothian healthcare premises Procedure](#)