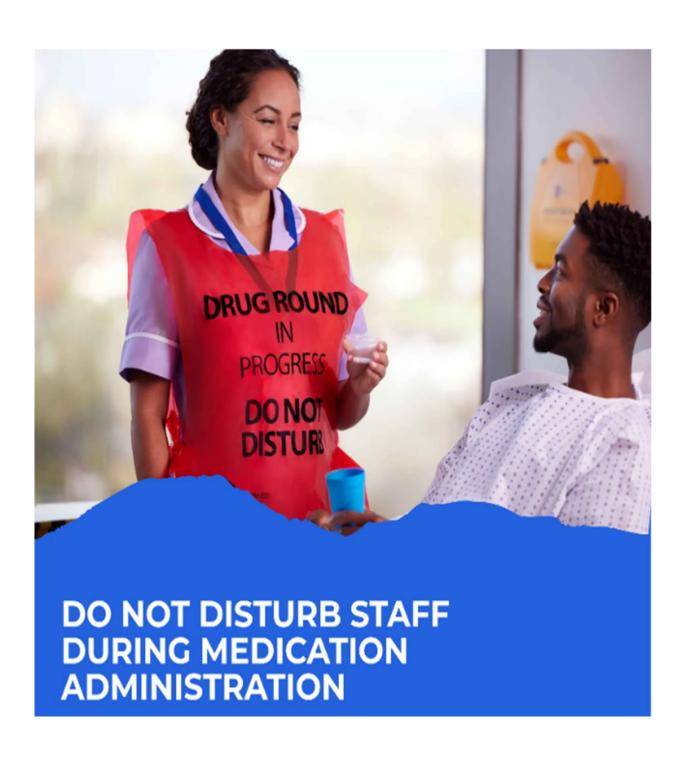


# **The Red Apron Initiative**

Information for patients and visitors



#### What is this leaflet about?

Ward 9 and the Quality Improvement Team are promoting safe medication administration.

Our nurses will wear **red aprons with "Drug Round in Progress – Do Not Disturb"** printed on them while giving medications. This helps create a **protected environment** for patient safety.

#### Why it matters

- Medication errors are a leading cause of harm in healthcare.
- Interruptions during drug rounds increase the risk of mistakes.
- Nurses need **full concentration** to ensure the right medication, dose, and timing.

#### What you can do

- Avoid approaching nurses wearing the red apron.
- Only interrupt for emergencies.
- Use alternative communication methods:
  - o Wait until the drug round is complete
  - o Speak to another staff member
  - Leave a note for the nurse.

#### **Additional Information**

- This initiative is part of our commitment to patient safety.
- If you have questions about your medication, please ask before or after the drug round.
- For feedback or concerns, please speak to a member of the Ward 9 nursing team or contact the Quality Improvement Team at:

loth.qisjh@nhs.scot

### **Interpretation and Translation**

This leaflet may be made available in a larger print, Braille or your community language.

## Thank you for supporting safe patient care

### It's OK to Ask

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