

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENT MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Cognition	What is the patient's cognitive ability to navigate a simple or complex medication regimen?
	Does the patient have the cognitive skills to recognize the need for PRN medications or when to call the doctor due to troubling side effects?
	Does the patient have a plan for how to manage a medication timeline?
Functional Mobility	Can the patient open medication containers?
	Is the patient safely able to access the place where medication is stored?
	Does the patient have adequate range of motion to put in eye drops or apply a cream?
	Can the patient squeeze a tube, use droppers, pick up pills?
	Would changes to the environment or the medication containers improve the patient's success?
Medication Routine	How will the patient manage prescription refills?
	If a pill box or sorter is used, can the patient set it up independently or will outside assistance be necessary?
	Can the patient recognize when medications expire and timelines for refills?
	Does the patient know how to handle a missed dose?
Vision	Can the patient read medication labels and instructions?
	Can the patient read and comprehend side effects noted?
Family Support	If the patient has trouble managing the medication routine, is a simpler regimen clinically appropriate and acceptable to the physician?
	If the routine cannot be changed, can family or other support be identified?
	Does the family or other support system understand the patient's limitations, and can they act accordingly?