



Identifying Administered Medications in COMPASS on Units Using E-MAR

Personnel Involved	Physicians and Nursing/Clinical Staff on units using COMPASS E-MAR
Issue & Patient Safety Risk	<p>Physicians and Clinical Staff who refer to COMPASS to determine whether a medication has been administered may incorrectly believe that a medicine has been administered when reading “completed” next to the medicine listed in COMPASS Orders view or Medication Profile.</p> <p>Physicians and Clinical Staff may conclude that a medication has been administered when it, in fact, has not. Physicians and Clinical Staff should instead refer to the E-MAR or MAR Summary for medication administration status.</p>
Immediate Intervention:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To determine if a medication has been administered, refer to patient’s E-MAR or MAR Summary, not the COMPASS order profile for the patient. On the E-MAR, simply right click on the time that the dose was due to be given to verify medication administration status. Here it will be indicated that the medication was given or NOT given. 2. Recognize and understand that the COMPASS designation “Completed” next to a medication in an Orders view or Medication Profile refers to the completion of the order by pharmacy, not the administration status.

POST on all units that use COMPASS E-MAR for chart / medication administration documentation.