



Independent double checks



An independent double check is where two individuals separately check (alone and apart from each other, then compare results) the medication before administration to a patient.

Performing double checks adds another layer of protection so that harm does not reach the patient.

Independent double checks can detect up to 95% of errors.

The suggested approach is to ask:
“Could you please check that I have the correct medication and dose/rate of administration for the patient?”

Details to be verified/checked:

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| ✓ Patient | ✓ Medication | ✓ Concentration | ✓ Frequency |
| ✓ Dose | ✓ Time | ✓ Route | ✓ Documentation |