Refusal of Medications and Treatments, Documentation of

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### Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. If a resident refuses his or her medications and/or treatments, nursing staff will document such refusal in the resident’s medical record.

2. Documentation related to a resident’s refusal of treatment shall include at least the following:
   - a. The date and time the staff tried to give a medication or treatment;
   - b. The medication or treatment they tried to give;
   - c. The resident’s response and reason(s) for refusal;
   - d. That the resident was informed (to the extent of their ability to understand) about the purpose of the treatment and the consequences of not receiving the medication or treatment;
   - e. The resident’s condition and any adverse effects due to such refusal;
   - f. If and when the physician was notified as well as the physician’s response;
   - g. Other pertinent observations; and
   - h. The signature and title of the person recording the data.

3. Repeated refusals shall be reported to the Director of Nursing Services and Attending Physician.

### References

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