

Refusal of Medications and Treatments, Documentation of

Highlights	Policy Statement
Resident's Right of Refusal Documentation Requirements Refusal of Treatment Inquiries	Residents have the right to refuse their medications and treatments. 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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