The Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal Operational Delivery Network

Oral Medicines Crib sheet for Parents/Carers

Parent/Carers have received, read, and understood a copy of the information provided by the unit

Hygiene - Parent/Carer understand and can demonstrate the correct handwashing technique and use this prior to preparing and administering medication.

Preparation – Parent/Carer can gather the correct equipment to administer medication to their baby:

- Correct size of oral syringe
- Correct medication

Giving the medicines -Parent/Carer:

- know the name, need for the medication, dosage, common side effects of the medicine
- know to inform the nurse that they have given their baby their medicine.

Documentation -Parent/Carer:

- All medications must be documented and signed for on the unit specific appropriate medication chart/documentation/e-meds

Safety issues - Parent/Carers

- understand what to do if they have forgotten to give their baby their medicine
- understand what to do if they have given an incorrect dose of medication to their baby
- Knows how to escalate if their baby has adverse reactions

Medicine storage -Parent/Carer:

- know where to collect my baby's medicine from

Staff

- **Parents/carers have received training, been assessed, and feel safe and able to undertake giving agreed medicines to their baby. Parents/carers are willing to take responsibility for giving medicines to their baby without supervision**
- **Please sign separate competency document**