



Time Critical Medications

- M**ovement disorders - Parkinson's / myasthenia medication
- I**mmunomodulators including HIV medicines
- S**ugar - diabetes medication
- S**teroids - Addison's and adrenal insufficiency
- E**pilepsy - anticonvulsants
- D**irect Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs) and warfarin



A MISSED dose can harm your patients!

Alert hospital staff
a patient is on time
critical medicines
(when last taken/
when next due)

Medication can
be disrupted when
someone is unwell
or has had
an accident

People who do
not get their
medication can become
rapidly unwell
e.g. people with Parkinsons.
Even a delay of
30 minutes
can be harmful

If there are delays
in admission to
hospital, or even if
they are nil by mouth,
remind the person to take
their medication whenever
due and provide any help
needed, e.g., they may
need a small
amount of water

Always check when
the person last took
their time critical
medication and when
the next dose is due

Be aware
patients might not
have taken their time
critical medications
due to advice not to have
anything to eat or drink,
or 'falls' and
'long lies'

