Northern Light Health

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Barcode Medication Administration
Documentation After Med Admin
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Barcode Medication Administration is a process designed to electronically confirm the 7 Rights of Medication Administration. It is strongly recommended to utilize BCMA whenever possible, however there are instances when this cannot be achieved. This flyer outlines the process for those instances when documentation of the medication occurs afterwards.
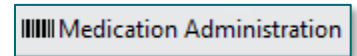
Overview of Barcode Medication Administration

➢ Barcode Medication Administration (BCMA) is a process designed to electronically confirm the 7 Rights of Medication Administration: Right Patient, Right Medication, Right Dose, Right Time, Right Route, Right Documentation, and Right Reason.

➢ BCMA adds an additional layer of safety but **DOES NOT** replace the safe medication administration process.

➢ Hospital directives regarding Patient Identification (2-Identifier process) MUST be followed.

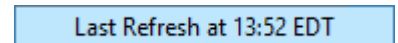## Documentation Occurring After Medication Administration Workflow

When documenting medication administration after it has occurred, staff will follow the process below.

STEP 1: In the patient's chart, confirm the patient information in the demographics banner bar.

STEP 2: Open the **Medication Administration Wizard** from the barcode button on the toolbar.
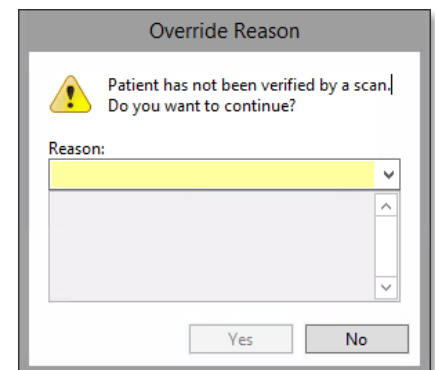

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STEP 3: Refresh the Wizard to ensure the most up-to-date medication orders are viewed.

Last Refresh at 13:52 EDT

STEP 4: Bypass both the patient barcode and medication scanning.

Override Reason

Patient has not been verified by a scan. Do you want to continue?

Reason:

Yes   No

- The **Override Reason** window will display for each bypass to indicate the reason for overriding scanning.

- Complete any required or missing fields and manage alerts, as applicable.

- Review date and time for accuracy and update, as applicable.

STEP 5: Click the **Sign** button to document.