

**CODES FOR NON-ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICINE**

In situations where a dose of a medicine is not administered and the matter cannot be resolved immediately the nurse must:-  
 a) Record on the medicine chart the appropriate code number for the reason why the dose was not administered and initial this code.  
 b) **TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION** to resolve the matter **PROMPTLY** so that patient treatment is not compromised.  
 For further details refer to the 'Purple Booklet'

Patient refuses	1	Unable to swallow	8
Patient not present on ward	2	Vomiting/nausea	9
Medicine not available (obtain as soon as practicable)	3	Time varied on Dr's instructions	10
Instructions not clear or legal	4	Once only/PRN medication given	11
Patient Self-Administered Medicine	5	<b>To be specified in the Nursing Care Plan</b>	
Nil by mouth	6	Possible drug reaction/ side effect	12
Asleep/drowsy	7	Other reasons	13

Name of Patient	
Patient Number	
Ward	AFFIX
DOB	ADDRESSOGRAPH
Date of Admission	LABEL
Consultant	HERE
Weight	Surface Area

**DRUG SENSITIVITIES**

**ONCE ONLY**

Date	Time	Pharmacy	Drug (Approved Name)	Dose	Route	Doctor's Signature NAME	Time Given	Given by	Checked by

**OTHER CHARTS IN USE**

Date	Type of Chart	Details	Signature NAME



