

Automated Unit Dose

Frequently Asked Questions #2

If my patient is going on a day pass, can I give them the AUD strip ‘to-go’?

No. Like now, there is a process when patients need to have medications prepared for a day pass. Prescriber’s orders for pass medications are faxed to pharmacy 24 hours prior to the start of the pass. All pass medications must be issued and properly labeled by pharmacy.

What does the term ‘patient-specific’ mean on the MAR?

The message ‘patient-specific’ on the MAR means that this medication is sent from pharmacy and is labeled with client identifiers for a specific patient. The medication will not be found in wardstock or in the AUD Strip (e.g. Microlax enema).

What is the ‘Reminder Bag’ package for?

The printed message on the reminder package states: “*See separate bag for drug*”, which means there will be a corresponding capsule or tablet in a baggie sent with the AUD strip in the blue bin. You will only receive a 24 hour supply of the medication. “Reminder” packages and baggies will be used for medications that are:

- ◆ Unstable if removed from their original packaging
- ◆ Cytotoxic medications
- ◆ Teratogenic medications
- ◆ Fragile
- ◆ Too large or too small
- ◆ Sensitive to light / require refrigeration

What if a patient needs to take their medication early (i.e. before the bin arrives)?

Since the AUD strip is prepared for a 24 hour period, there will not be ‘extra’ regularly scheduled doses available. When a medication is needed prior to the delivery time, an MOM will need to be sent to pharmacy. By letting pharmacy know in advance, the medication can be prepared and sent to the unit for when it is required.

Can the AUD strip provide extra medications for those patients who regularly ‘spit out’ their medication?

In special cases, communication to pharmacy (MOM) may be required to request a multiple day supply. Describe the situation so that this patient receives certain medications in a baggie instead of via the AUD strip.