

**MEDICATION MANAGEMENT**
**CHECKLIST #1**
**PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS & PATIENT SAFETY**

Medication errors result in a significant portion of dental liability claims. Patient harm can result from known risks, adverse or allergic reactions, drug interactions, and errors in prescribing. Careful attention to detail in prescribing and monitoring the use of medications promotes patient health and safety.

|   | <b>YES</b>               | <b>NO</b>                |
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| 1. Medication reconciliation is performed on a routine basis, including the use of herbal supplements and over-the-counter drugs. Patients are encouraged to bring a list of medications or actual prescription bottles to their visit(s) to facilitate this process. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Allergies/sensitivities are documented in highly visible and pertinent parts of the record.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The patient's allergy history is reviewed prior to prescribing.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Dentists discuss the indications, risks, benefits, and alternatives of prescription medication with their patients and document these discussions in the record.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Consideration is given when treating and prescribing for patients who are immunocompromised, receiving chemotherapy, anticoagulation or any other high alert medication(s).  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Discontinuance of or a change in medication(s) is documented in the record.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |