



Safety first

When sending residents to hospital it is important to adhere to the following safety advice

Must do's	Why?
✓ MAR sheets and PRN records, INR regimes are photocopied and given to the hospital	The hospital must have an up to date copy of the residents medicine regime in order to provide continuity of care
✓ All the medication stored at the home for the resident is given to the hospital	Medications belong to the patient, not the care home. Any delay in having to request a further supply of medication result in patient harm
✓ When the resident is admitted, phone or fax the GP practice and pharmacy to cancel any outstanding requests for medications for the resident	Any medications requested prior to admission (commonly 'monthlies') should be cancelled where possible to ensure medicines aren't wasted when changed or stopped in hospital before the resident is discharged
For further guidance visit: http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/Library/Medicines%20Management%20-%20Care%20Homes.html	