

Transcribing Rules & Tips:

- **Using blue or black ink only:**

Line 1 = Medication name & Strength only

Lines 2 & 3 = Dose, Route, Frequency

- AM medications on top 2 rows
- PM medications on bottom rows

- No Medical Abbreviations except for PRN
- Write so other's can read your MAR
- No white out! Correct any errors with a single line through the error:

~~Celexa 10mg~~ Colace 100mg

If medication is missed or refused or LOA (leave of absence), it must be circled and explained on back or bottom of MAR

Medication	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Zoloft 100mg 2 tablets twice daily by mouth	8am	MR	MR	MR	○	TN	PS	KP	TN	
	8pm	SR	○	PS	PS	TL	TL	SR	KP	

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Failure to document is a medication error!

Only sign your initials when you know your client has taken their medication

Transcription Practice Problems (Answers on next slides)

1. Keppra 500mg, Take 2 tabs P.O., BID Start the 3rd of month.
2. Trazodone 50mg, Take 1 tab P.O. in the morning & take 100mg (2 tabs) at H.S.
(Ordered the 4th)
3. Discontinue Keppra above after 14 days.

Transcription Practice Problems

4. Amoxicillin 200mg, Take 2 tabs P.O. TID for 5 days

5. Tylenol 500mg, take 1 tab P.O. PRN for fever

6. Zyprexa 15mg, take 1 tab P.O. for 3 days, then take 2 tabs after that. (Ordered the 3rd)

7. Celexa 20mg. Take 1 tab P.O. for 5 days, then give 2 tabs after that. Start the 3rd of month.

1. Keppra 500mg, take 2 tabs P.O., BID Start the 3rd of month.

Medications:	Allergies:																																
Keppra 500mg. Take 2 tablets by mouth twice daily	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	8 am	→																															
	8 pm	→																															

 Explanation

The problem shows the “start date” as the 3rd, so an arrow is placed days 1 through 2, to show there should not be any medication passed on these days).

This is ordered to take 2 tablets *twice* daily (BID), so we need to give the time column *two* times a day, both with arrows for the start date. We can use the same row for this order because the dose or strength did not change.

2. Trazodone 50mg, Take 1 tab P.O. in the morning & take 2 tabs at H.S. (Ordered the 4th)

Medications:	Allergies:																															
Trazodone 50mg Take 1 tablet by mouth in the morning	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	8 am	→																														
Trazodone 50mg. Take 2 tablets by mouth at bedtime																																
	8 pm	→																														

 Explanation

Anytime the strength or dose changes in an order, you will need 2 separate rows for each dose in the order

The tablet doses are different for the 8am dose and 8 pm dose, so we need two separate rows.

3. Discontinue Keppra *after* 14 days

Medications:		Allergies:																															
Keppra 500mg. Take 2 tablets by mouth twice daily	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	8 am	→																	← Discontinue														
	8 pm	→																		← Discontinue													



Explanation

An arrow indicates the date that the discontinue order should be 14 days after the order begins (this makes the discontinued order for the 17th of the month)

4. Amoxicillin 200mg, 2 tabs P.O. TID for 5 days

Medications:	Allergies:																																		
Amoxicillin 200mg. Take 2 tablets by mouth three times a day for 5 days	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
	8 am																																		
	12 pm																																		
	8 pm																																		

 Explanation

An arrow indicates the medication is no longer given after 5 days, it must be reflected on all 3 times it is ordered.

If there is no “start date” indicated, then it will always be on the 1st of the month.

5. Tylenol 500mg, 1 tab P.O. PRN for fever

Medications:	Allergies:																															
Tylenol 500mg Take 1 tablet by mouth PRN for fever	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	P																															
	R																															
	N																															

 Explanation

Do not assign a time for a PRN in the Time column. Simply write in PRN instead, or you can leave the time blank!

Always write on the MAR the reason the PRN is prescribed. As shown above, this was prescribed for fever.

6. Zyprexa 15mg, 1 tab P.O. in the a.m. for 3 days, then take 2 tabs after that. (Ordered the 3rd)

Medications:	Allergies:																																
	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Zyprexa 15mg. Take 1 tablet by mouth for 3 days in the morning	8 am	→			← Discontinue																												
Zyprexa 15mg. Take 2 tablets by mouth in the morning	8 am	→																															

 Explanation

Anytime the strength or dose changes in an order, you will need 2 separate rows for each order, (the tablets increased from 1 tab to 2 tabs after 3 days).

The increase to 2 tablets doesn't occur until the 1 tablet order is complete (moving the start date for the 2 tablets to start the 6th).

7. Celexa 20mg. Take 1 tab P.O. for 5 days in morning, then take 2 tabs after that. Start the 3rd of month.

Medications:	Allergies:																																
	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Celexa 20mg. Take 1 tablet by mouth for 5 days in the morning	8 am	→					← Discontinue																										
Celexa 20mg. Take 2 tablets by mouth in the morning	8 am	→																															

↓ Explanation (also on next slide)

Anytime the strength or dose changes in an order, you will need 2 separate rows for each order, as shown above (the tablets changed from 1 tablet to 2 tablets)

Celexa 20mg. Take 1 tab P.O. for 5 days in morning, then give 2 tabs after that. Start the 3rd of month.

↓ Continued Explanation for the Celexa problem:

In our Celexa problem, the order states a specific “start date”, make sure you indicate this with an arrow on the MAR.

The problem shows the “start date” as the 3rd, so an arrow is place days 1 through 2, to show there was no medication passed on these days).

Since 1 tablet is only given for 5 days, an arrow is placed after giving tab for 5 days, to discontinue that order. Write discontinue on arrow.

Next, we are giving 2 tablets after the first 5 days they received 1 tablet already. We reflect that in our MAR with arrows on day 1 through day 7, as shown in the slide.