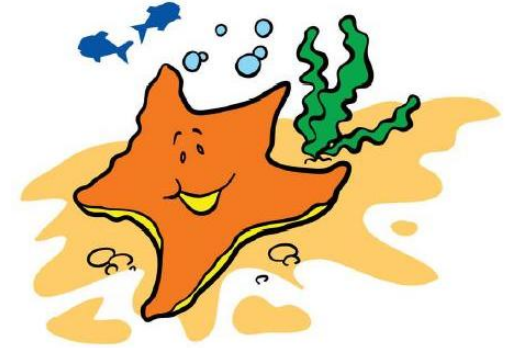




S.A.F.E
Situation Awareness
for Everyone



Starfish Ward

DRUG-gle

A Safety Huddle with ward pharmacist,
doctors and nurses on Starfish
with take-away learning points



Top 5 reminders for Starfish Drug Charts

- Remember to write the **FLUSH** for IVs
0.9% Sodium Chloride 1-5mls IV
- Prescribe **round numbers** where possible
118.5mg can become 118mg
- Avoid prescribing "1 tablet" – use dose
Ascorbic acid : 1 tablet = 200mg
- If you need to **change** the dose...
...REWRITE the prescription
- Write legibly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Quiz

Spot the errors
(Answers at the bottom of the page)

Chart A

Drug	BENZYL PENICILLIN				
New this admission (circle): Yes / No					
Dose	Route	Frequency	Start date		
118.5mg	IV	BD	16/6/15	0900	New
Signature	Bleep no.	Pharmacy			
Doctor				2100	New
Additional information 25mg/kg					

Chart B

Drug	BENZYL PENICILLIN				
New this admission (circle): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No					
Dose	Route	Frequency	Start date		
250mg	IV	QDS	16/6/15	0400	New
Signature	Bleep no.	Pharmacy			
Doctor	123			1200	New
Additional information					
				2000	New



Quiz Answers:

- Ben Pen prescribed at 118.5mg has the potential for being mis-read as 1185mg; needs to be rounded down to 118mg.
- Benzyl Penicillin is prescribed QDS but given TDS – this is a drug error and has been reported on DATIX. Best to prescribe times at point of prescribing OR nurses could populate best times according to Frequency prescribed by Doctor.

All children admitted to Starfish Ward need to be **WEIGHED!**

