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Intramuscular (IM) administration of medications can be painful and other viable options of medication administration should be explored to promote comfort and quality of life for residents.

POLICY

Intramuscular administration may be used to administer pain and/or symptom control medications where no other route of administration is possible.

PROCEDURE

1. The Registered Nurse (RN) will check with the Attending Physician to ensure that no other route of administration is possible.
2. The RN may administer IM injections according to standard Nursing Practice, using accepted land marking techniques. The RN is responsible for utilizing correct sites and techniques for IM administration of medications
3. Reassessment of IM medication administration route should be ongoing by both the Attending Physician and RN to ensure comfort for resident.

REFERENCE

[Alberta Health Services, Regional Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual. Section M-1. Page 5, dated Jan. 2004](#)