

Self-administration of medicine (SAM) assessment

To be completed by a suitably qualified member of staff

Resident's name			
Date of birth			
Assessment criteria	Yes	No	
Has the resident expressed a wish to self-administer their medicine?			
Was the resident responsible for administering their medicine at home?			
Is the resident mentally and physically able to self-administer?			
Can the resident open child resistant lids/blister strips, use their eye drops and inhalers, etc.?			
Can the resident read a label?			
Can the resident open the lockable medicine bedside cabinet?			
Does the resident know:	What the medicines are for?		
	What dosage to take?		
	How to take the medicine?		
Has the resident read and understood the SAM leaflet?			

Every effort should be made to accommodate residents with visual and other disabilities to be able to safely and effectively self-medicate. This may require the use of aids which pharmacy can help advise on. If any of the answers to the questions above are 'No', the resident is unlikely to be suitable for self-administration. The final decision lies with the individual undertaking the assessment.

The resident is deemed (tick appropriate box and provide brief explanation):

Suitable for self-administration		
Unsuitable for self-administration		

Assessed by	
Role	
Signature	
Date	