

Appendix 2. Self-administration of medicines assessment form

Patient name	
Hospital number	
Date of birth	

Or attach patient addressograph.

Who is being assessed? Please circle	Patient	Parent	Carer
Is the patient, parent or carer happy to self-administer their medicines?	Yes		No
If no, then do not complete this form further. Document the form in the patient's records.			

Assessment criteria	Yes	No
Is the patient, parent or carer responsible for administering their medicine at home?		
Is the patient, parent or carer mentally and physically able to self-administer their medicines? Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frequently changing dosage regimens, • history of misuse of medicines, addiction or self-harm • acutely unwell or confused. 		
Is the patient, parent or carer physically capable of accessing and administering the required medicines? (e.g. can they open child-resistant lids and blister strips, and can they use their eye drops and/or inhalers?)		
Can the patient, parent or carer read a label?		
Is the patient, parent or carer aware of, and do they have access to, the patient information leaflet(s) that come with their medicine(s)?		
Can the patient, parent or carer open the lockable medicines bedside cabinet?		
Does the patient, parent or carer know:	What the medicines are for?	
	What dosage to take?	
	How to take the medicine?	
Has the patient, parent or carer read and understood the SAM leaflet and signed the consent form?		

If any of the questions have been answered “**No**”, the patient, parent or carer may not be suitable for self-administration. The final decision lies with the healthcare professional undertaking the assessment.

Based on patient, parent or carer knowledge of their medicines and the assessment criteria, indicate the level of supervision recommended.

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Choose either:

Levels of supervision for patient, parent or carer self-administration of medicines	Tick
Self-administration of medicine (SAM) – Patient, parent or carer accepts full responsibility for the storage and administration of medicine.	
Supervised patient, parent or carer administration – Registered healthcare professional responsible for safe storage of medicines. At administration time, the patient or their parent or carer requests healthcare professional to open medicine cabinet/locker and patient self-administers under healthcare professional supervision	
Healthcare professional administration – Registered healthcare professional responsible for safe storage of medicines and supervision of medicine administration, ensuring that the patient understands the medicine being administered.	

Assessor name	
Signature	
Date	
Role	