

Appendix 4: Preparation for administering depot antipsychotic injections

	Action	Rationale
1.	Collect and check all equipment (appendix 3)	To prevent delays and enable full concentration on the procedure
2.	Consult the patient's prescription or administration record and ascertain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drug - Dose - Date and time of administration - Route and method of administration - Validity of prescription - Signature of doctor - Site of last injection 	To ensure that the patient is given the correct drug at the correct dose, at the right time via the correct route and to the correct site.
3.	Check that the packaging of all equipment is intact	To ensure sterility, if the seal is damaged, discard.
4.	Select the drug in the appropriate concentration, volume and dosage and check expiry date.	To ensure drug and dose administered is that which is intended and it is safe and appropriate.
5.	Check all details with another qualified nurse and confirm the amount of drug that is to be administered.	To minimize risk of error.
6.	Inspect all equipment.	To ensure nothing is damaged. If damaged, discard.