

CRITICAL MEDICINES

(This list is not exhaustive and the most common examples of each group have been given)

No doses of medicines should be missed, however this is a list of common critical medicines that should **NEVER** be omitted unless there is a valid clinical or safety reason that the medicine cannot be given. Reasons for omission and any appropriate escalation should always be documented.

Antimicrobial agent	Antibiotics Antifungals Antivirals including antiretroviral agents for HIV treatment
Anticoagulant	Low Molecular Weight Heparins – Enoxaparin(Clexane®), Inhixa®), Tinzaparin (Innohep®), Dalteparin (Fragmin®) Direct Acting Oral Anticoagulants - Apixaban (Eliquis®)/ Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®)/ Dabigatran (Pradaxa®)/ Edoxaban (Lixiana®) IV heparin Warfarin (Coumadin®) Acenocoumarol (Sinthrome®)
Parkinson's medication	Co-beneldopa (Madopar®) Co-careldopa (Sinemet®) Rotigotine patch Co-careldopa plus entacapone (Stalevo®, Sastravi®) Pramipexole Ropinirole
Anti-epileptic	Sodium valproate (Epilim®) Phenytoin (Epanutin®) Levetiracetam (Keppra®) Lamotrigine (Lamictal®) Carbamazepine (Tegretol®)
Anti-psychotics and all medication prescribed for long term mental health conditions	Clozapine (Clozaril®) Lithium salts (Priadel®, Camcolit®, Liskonum®) Quetiapine (Sorequel®) Olanzapine (Zyprexa®) Risperidone (Risperdal®)
Insulin	Humulin i/Insulatard/Insuman basal Actrapid/Humulin S/Insuman rapid Humulin M3/Insuman comb 15/Insuman comb 25 Lantus/Levemir/Tresiba/Toujeo/Abasaglar/Detemir Novorapid/Humalog/Humalog U200/Apidra/Fiasp Novomix 30/Humalog mix 25/Humalog mix 50
Immunosuppressant	Tacrolimus (Prograf®/Advagraf®) Mycophenolic acid (Ceptava®, Myfortic®) Mycophenolate mofetil (cellcept®, Mycofenax®) Cyclosporin (Neoral®) Azathioprine (Azasan®)
Corticosteroid	Prednisolone (Deltasone®) Hydrocortisone (colifoam®) Budesonide (Budenofalk®, endocort®, pulmicort®)
Analgesia	Regular Opioids
Substance Misuse maintenance treatment	Methadone Buprenorphine plus naloxone (Suboxone®) Buprenorphine (Subutex®) Dihydrocodeine MR

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