

## ORAL MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION: SPRINKLES

*Administering sprinkles (the contents of a medicated capsule) to children:*

**\*\*ONLY open a capsule if instructed by the child's health care provider**

**Complete PREPARATION PHASE**

**Complete ADMINISTRATION PHASE**

Prepare:

1. Check the medicine bottle and label for any possible food interactions so you do not mix the medication with a wrong food.
2. (Optional\*) Put on gloves to avoid contact with the capsule.
3. Pour the correct number of capsules from the medication bottle into the medication cap. If you pour out too many capsules, return the extra capsules to the container without touching them.
4. Transfer the capsule(s) to a medication cup or small disposable cup.
5. Double check that the number of capsules in the cup matches the number written on the child's medication consent form.
6. Open the capsule and empty the contents into the small amount of food. Be sure to empty all of the medication from the capsule.



Compare the child's medication consent form against the medication label for the **Five Rights** before administering the medication to the child.

medication  time  dose  route  child's name

**Second  
Check**

Administer:

1. Give the food with the medication to the child.
2. Make sure that the child eats all of the medication/food mixture.
3. Give him/her a cup of water.
4. If you wore gloves - remove gloves and discard using the appropriate technique.



**Complete DOCUMENTATION PHASE**

\*Glove use is recommended to protect both you and the child.

You should use gloves when administering medication if:

- the skin on your hands is cut, scabbed or broken
- it would be harmful for the medication to come in contact with your skin
- you feel more comfortable wearing gloves to administer the medication