

TOPICAL MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION: AEROSOLS

Applying spray medication to a child's skin:

Complete PREPARATION PHASE

Complete ADMINISTRATION PHASE

Prepare:

1. Read the label and if indicated, shake the container vigorously.
2. Read the container's label for the recommended distances to hold the spray from the child's skin.
3. (Optional*) Put on gloves to avoid contact with the spray.



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

- medication time dose route child's name

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Administer:

1. Hold the spray at the recommended distance.
2. For a young child, shield the child's face from the spray. If the child is old enough, have the child turn his/her face away from the area to be sprayed and close her eyes. Shield the child's face.
3. Spray medication evenly on the designated area of the child's skin.
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