

**The Paediatric National Inpatient Medication Chart
(Paed-NIMC)
AUDIT TOOL (short version)**

A. PER PATIENT

Patient ID sticker (stick here) or record:

Patient name:

MRN:

M/F

DOB:

Data collection date:

Ward:

B. PER CHART (see definitions below)

1. **Patient ID** name, DOB and MRN on **ALL** pages of chart correct: yes no
2. **Weight** documented yes no
3. **ADR** documentation correct or NKA yes no

C. PER MEDICATION ORDER (see definitions below)

1. Drug name	2. Type of order R=reg P=PRN S=stat	3. Indication documented		4. Approved abbreviation # Note the unapproved abbreviation used		5. Dose (mg/kg/dose and actual dose) correct and safe			6. Administration times correlate with prescribed frequency		
		YES	NO	YES	NO#	YES	NO	N/A	YES	NO	N/A

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DEFINITIONS and Explanatory notes:

A. PER PATIENT

Delete after data collated and checked

B. PER CHART

1. **Patient ID:** name or label (with printed patient name underneath) on all charts where there are medications prescribed. PRN chart would be counted as a separate chart if PRN medications have been ordered.
2. **Weight** noted at least once on the chart (may also add height)
3. **Adverse drug reaction** documentation.

Use the TAG indicator: [3.2 Percentage of patients whose known adverse drug reactions are documented on the current medication chart](#)

OR

Minimal dataset required:

e.g. Drug name, type of reaction, date of reaction (OR NKA) and signature

C. PER ORDER

1. **Drug name** entered to assist if follow-up needed
2. **Regular/PRN/stat** to determine type of order
3. **Indication:** especially important for PRN order
4. **Approved abbreviation:** Use TAG indicator [3.3 Percentage of medication orders that include error-prone abbreviations](#)
5. **Dose correct and safe:** Use TAG indicator: [3.4 Percentage of paediatric medication orders that include the correct dose per kilogram \(or body surface area\) and a safe total dose](#)
N/A= means that the medication dose is not calculated on mg/kg or mg/m² basis: eg laxatives, topical preparations
6. **Administration times correlate with prescribed frequency:** for regular orders only, otherwise N/A