How to administer gentamicin

**Parenteral Drugs: Regular Prescription**

**Drug:** Gentamicin

**Dosage:** As charted

**Route:** IV

**Date:** 26/10

**Prescriber:** J Smith (J SMITH)

**Sign:** See Gentamicin Chart

**Nursing staff MUST:**
- sign the kardex (2 signatures required)
- and the gentamicin chart
- record the administration time on the kardex and the gentamicin chart

**Gentamicin will be prescribed ‘as charted’. The dose amount and time should NOT be on the kardex (these are left blank).**

**The dose and dose time will be prescribed on the separate gentamicin prescription chart and may vary (see below).**

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**ADULT PARENTERAL GENTAMICIN (GGC): PRESCRIBING, ADMINISTRATION & MONITORING CHART**

**Use for all patients prescribed intravenous gentamicin unless prophylactic indication or synergistic doses (usually in endocarditis) are being used**

**Doses vary between patients: some require a dose every 24 hours while others require a dose every 48 hours. Each dose is prescribed individually on the chart.**

**Before administering a dose: check the DATE and TIME the dose is prescribed for carefully. Also check the medicine kardex in case gentamicin has been discontinued there.**

**TWO nurses’ signatures are required:**
- independent check of preparation
- both nurses check & sign the chart and kardex

**Gentamicin levels should be checked after the first dose then at least every 2 days and creatinine (Cr) checked every day. The results should be recorded on this chart. Discuss this with the prescriber if this is not happening.**