

# Pharmacy Medication Change Alert Labels

## Black Alert Label:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharmacist: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFER TO MAR**

New medication started. Refer to MAR for directions and discontinued items

- Take the add-on medication strip in addition to the resident's regular medication strip
- Eg. Antibiotic orders, starting a new medication that resident is not currently taking

## Green Alert Label:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharmacist: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFER TO MAR**

Medication has changed. Take in addition to medication in current strip

- There has been a change to a medication that the resident is currently taking
- Take the add-on medication strip in addition to the resident's regular medication strip
- Eg. Risperidone 0.5mg po once daily HS has been increased to Risperidone 0.75mg po once daily HS
  - Add-on strip contains risperidone 0.25mg at 2100 that is to be taken in addition to the regular medication strip containing risperidone 0.5mg to give the 0.75mg dose

## Red Alert Label:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pharmacist: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFER TO MAR**

Medication has changed. Remove dose in current strip prior to administration

- There has been a change to a medication that the resident is currently taking
- The add-on medication strip contains the entire daily new dose for the affected medication. Remove any doses of the affected medication (old dose) in the regular medication strip.
- Eg. Warfarin
  - \*\*for all warfarin dose changes, the new dose is sent\*\*
- Eg. Furosemide 20mg daily increased to Furosemide 40mg daily
  - Add-on strip contains furosemide 40mg Red alert label flags to remove furosemide 20mg in the regular medication strip and administer dose from add-on strip