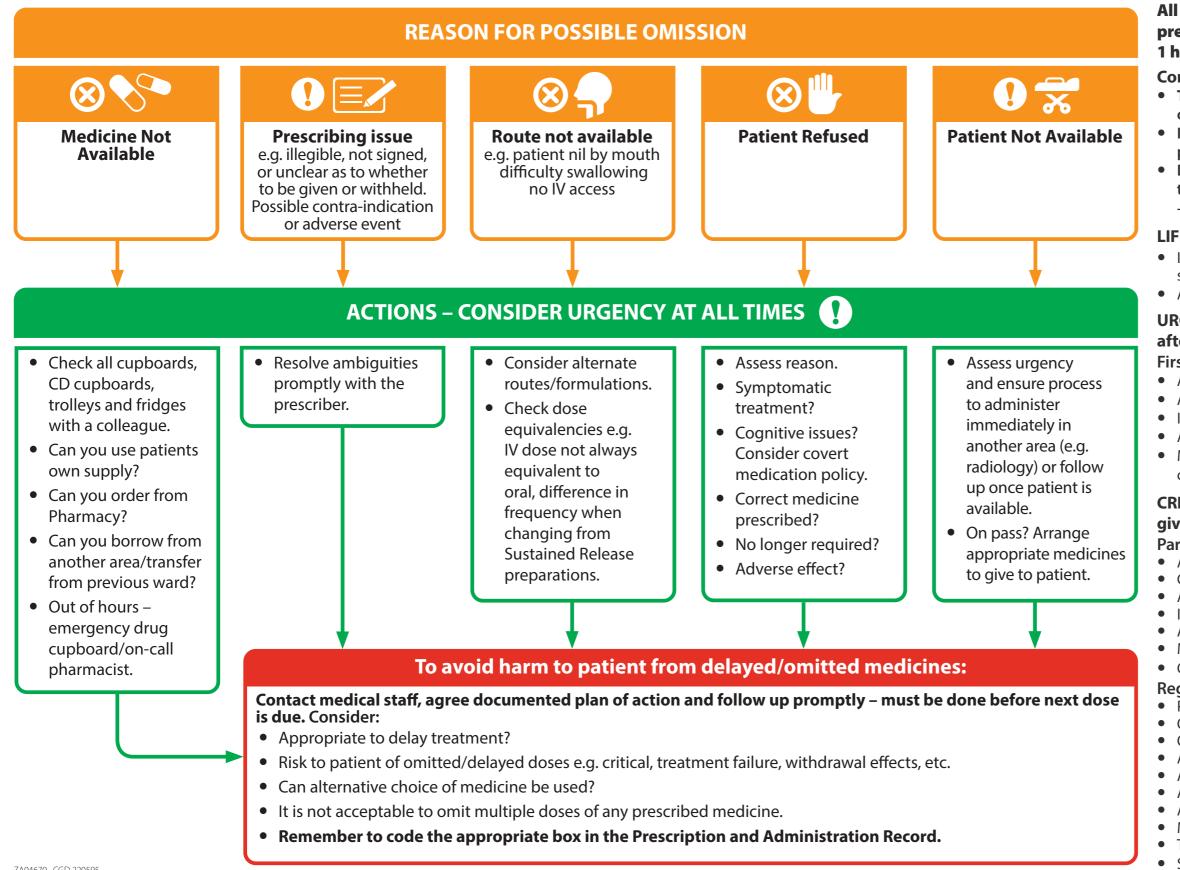
# **Prevention of Omitted Doses**

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## All medicines must be given within 1 hour of the prescribed time (i.e. up to 1 hour BEFORE or 1 hour AFTER the prescribed time).

## Consider urgency at all stages.

- The list below is not exhaustive every patient/ clinical situation is different.
- It is not acceptable for multiple doses of any
  - prescribed medicine to be omitted.
- Doses omitted at previous medicine administration times should also be followed up

  - do not assume that someone else has done this.

## LIFE THREATENING - MUST be given IMMEDIATELY:

• Initial treatment of life-threatening conditions e.g. status epilepticus, sepsis, emergency resuscitation • Antidotes to medication overdose

## **URGENT - MUST be given as SOON AS POSSIBLE** after being prescribed:

## First parenteral doses of:

- Anti-infectives
- Anticoagulants or thrombolytics
- Insulin
- Anticonvulsants including benzodiazepines
- Medicines used in resuscitation including colloid or crvstalloid IV fluids

#### **CRITICAL - should NOT be omitted and should be** given as close to the prescribed time as possible: Parenteral doses of:

- Anti-infectives
- G-CSF
- Anticoagulants and thrombolytics
- Insulin
- Anticonvulsants including benzodiazepines
- Medicines used in resuscitation
- Chemotherapy

## **Regular:**

- Parkinson's Disease medicines
- Opiate analgesics
- Opioid substitution therapy
- Anticoagulants
- Antiplatelets (if the patient has been stented)
- Anticonvulsants
- Anti diabetics
- Medicines where doses have already been omitted Transplant medicines
- Steroids