Starfish Ward

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A Safety Huddle with ward pharmacist, doctors and nurses on Starfish with take-away learning points
Top 5 reminders for Starfish Drug Charts

1. Remember to write the **FLUSH** for IVs
   **0.9% Sodium Chloride 1-5mls IV**

2. Prescribe **round numbers** where possible
   **118.5mg can become 118mg**

3. Avoid prescribing “1 tablet” – use dose
   **Ascorbic acid : 1 tablet = 200mg**

4. If you need to **change** the dose...
   **...REWRITE the prescription**

5. Write legibly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

**Quiz Answers:**

A. Ben Pen prescribed at 118.5mg has the potential for being mis-read as 1185mg; needs to be rounded down to 118mg.

B. Benzyl Penicillin is prescribed QDS but given TDS – this is a drug error and has been reported on DATIX. Best to prescribe times at point of prescribing OR nurses could populate best times according to Frequency prescribed by Doctor.