Tips:

- Prepare medications on a clean, uncluttered, and functionally separate work surface.
- Clean medication preparation area with disinfectant wipe before and after use.
- Check expiration date and visually inspect for particulates, discoloration, or loss of integrity.
- Perform hand hygiene and use clean or sterile techniques.
- Use pill splitters and twist type pill crushers for one patient only and clean with alcohol between uses.
- Pill splitters with handles may also be used with pouches that contain medications to avoid cross contamination – clean when visibly soiled.
- Prepare and label one medication at a time.
- Label medication when transferring contents from original container to another container.
- Label medication as soon as it is prepared unless administered to patient with no break in process.
- Do not pre-label and store medication containers or syringes.

For more information, refer to [MM Policy - Medication Storage and Handling](#) and [MM SOP - Medication Labeling Outside of Pharmacy](#).