



## STOP!

There are critical regular medications that **MUST** be given to patients in the Emergency Department.

These have been highlighted by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM).

With *increasing delays* in patients leaving the Emergency Department it may be prudent that some medications are prescribed regularly on a drug chart to minimise harm to patients.



## LOOK

Critical drugs that **shouldn't** be omitted or delayed:

- ✓ **ALL medicines used in emergency situations**  
e.g. resuscitation drugs
- ✓ **Anticoagulation** Prophylaxis or treatment (*consider patient presentation*)
- ✓ **Anti-epileptics**
- ✓ **Anti-infectives** e.g. the 2nd dose of antibiotics
- ✓ **Anti-parkinson medicines**
- ✓ **Insulin**
- ✓ **Steroids** Consider increasing dose if patient unwell
- ✓ **Strong opioids** prescribed regularly for acute/chronic pain

## LEARN

**Safety Newsflash: Time Critical Medicines (RCEM)**

<http://bit.ly/2GvQt1h>

**Emergency Management of Patients with Parkinson's (Parkinson's UK)**

<http://bit.ly/2lp1djU>

**What to do when patients with epilepsy cannot take their usual oral medications (BTS)**

<http://bit.ly/2xb3wQm>

