

A patient with a brain stem stroke has collapsed a lung from intractable hiccups and feed-tube aspirates. He was admitted to intensive care to deal with the resulting pneumonia. A few weeks later the PRN order for Baclofen has expired. The patient has begun to hiccup again has demanded Baclofen and is growing increasingly distressed that nothing is being done. It appears to be a doctor oversight that it was not renewed. It is late Friday night of a long weekend and the doctor on call is not returning the page.

As the Charge Nurse, you should:

1. Do nothing, but continue to attempt to contact the doctor
2. Give the patient the pill and note it in the chart
3. Give the pill, chart it, and continue calling the doctor
4. Mark a pill as spoiled and leave it with the patient