# Assessment – Demonstrating knowledge of Pre-Packaged Medication and the process for use in a health or wellbeing setting

1. Please explain what pre-packaged medication means
   1. Answer should include an understanding of what pre-packed medication options look like, such as containers, blister pack and sachets, person should be able to identify pre packaged medication at the facility
2. What is written on the blister packs?
   1. Answer should demonstrate a knowledge of what to look for on various packs, including name of person and instructions on how to take medication
3. Please explain what the 5 R’s are when checking medication
   1. Answer should include Right person, Right medicine, Right Dose, Right route and right time and be able to explain how to check these and what they mean (right person – check name, dob to ensure you are giving the right person medication, the the medication given is correct and the dosage is correct, they know how it is to be taken and when)
4. Please explain and demonstrate the process for giving pre packaged medication
   1. Answer should include preparation such as washing hands, the checks, supporting a client to open package, witnessing them taking the medication and signing the chart
5. Please explain what you would do in the situation where a person refuses medication
   1. Answer should include listening and respecting the persons choice and following correct policies and procedures around documentation and reporting
6. Name 3 benefits of pre-packaged medication
   1. Answer could include Client more likely to complete the course of treatment, less likely to take wrong medication, easier to ensure the right medication is taken at the right time of day, more time efficient for staff, medication less likely to be damaged
7. Name 3 risks of pre-packaged medication
   1. Answer could include if a time is missed they miss all the medication for that time, if one of the medications needs to be stopped the whole pack must go back meaning it is more expensive, there is a cost to the pack itself, it may become difficult for a person to open the pack themselves, the seal might become broken