

Kent & Medway Domiciliary Care MAR Chart Codes and Definitions

These are the set codes for MAR charts in Kent and Medway when used in a home care setting. The codes have been introduced to reduce medication errors and provide staff with continuity when providing medication support. Either number or letter code can be adopted. Please contact your system IT provider as they should have the 'Kent MAR Chart' created in their system and can support you in the download.

	Number code	Letter code	Description
Un-witnessed self-administration	0	U	When a patient has said they have taken the dose already without anyone witnessing the dose being taken.
Administered	1	A	When the patient has been handed the required does to take or has been placed into the patients moth. When the dose has been placed on the patient i.e. patch attached to the skin. When support has been given for devices i.e. inhalers and drops.
Refused	2	R	When the patient has refused to take the required medication. If this is persistent it should be highlighted to the GP. Best practice to include a note as to why the patient has refused.
Omitted (medical instruction)	3	M	When the patient's GP, nurse, pharmacist, consultant etc. has advised that the dose should be omitted e.g. when an antibiotic has been prescribed and has an interaction with another medication being taken. The detail of who, why and how long should be clearly documented.
Dose not available	4	B	If the dose is unavailable for any reason i.e.. has not arrived from the pharmacy or mislaid by the patient.
Spoilt	5	S	The medication has been damaged so cannot be used i.e. dropped.
Social leave /patient absent	6	L	The patient has not been at home to take the does i.e. been in hospital for a planned procedure or has gone away to visit family. A note should be documented to explain the absence.
Other	7	O	For any reason that does not fit into another code, a note should be clearly documented, who and why.
Given by other	8	G	Someone other than the recorded care administered the medication. This should be clearly documented, who and why.
Not required	9	N	The patient has been offered an as when required medication and does not want to take.
Nausea/vomiting	10	V	When the patient has an episode of nausea or vomiting. Clear not should be made and clinical support sought if for more than a few days.