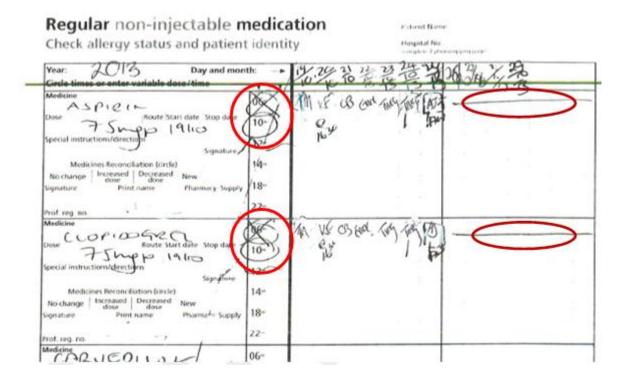
## SAFETY MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

## Keep Prescriptions Legible!

Nursing and medical staff are reminded that they must ensure that any change in dose or administration time of a drug requires the prescription to be re-written. If the medicine kardex is amended instead of being re-written it can be unclear and cause incorrect medicating.

Incidents have occurred whereby patients have come to harm or have died because of medication errors as a result of an unclear kardex. This example shows a kardex for a patient who was on dual antiplatelet therapy. The time of the medication was changed from 0600 to 1000.



If staff are unclear regarding administration instructions clarity should be sought from a senior member of the medical or nursing team.

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