Application Of Transdermal Medication (Patches)

_____ Wash your hands
_____ Obtain medication from storage and check expiration date
_____ Verify.  Check the MAR, then the medication label, then the MAR before providing the right medication to the right resident (check the six rights of med admin)
_____ Provide privacy
_____ Puts on gloves
_____ According to labeled instructions:
   _____ Remove old patch gently, not touching the inner side of the patch
   _____ Place the used patch in the palm of one glove (prevents contamination)
   _____ Wipe off area where patch was with a throw away wipe (checking for skin irritation)
   _____ Scrunch up used wipe in gloved hand with used patch
   _____ Removing glove with patch and wipe first turning it inside out, and place in other gloved hand and remove that glove leaving the glove with patch inside the outer glove
   _____ Dispose of gloves properly
   _____ Wash your hands
_____ Tell the resident how and wear you are going to administer the patch
_____ Put on another pair of gloves
_____ Clean area and dry area wear patch is to be placed
_____ Open the package and remove the patch
_____ Date and initial the patch
_____ Remove the backing from the patch
_____ Apply the patch to a dry, hairless part of the body (rotate sites), according to the instructions on the package.  Avoid scars, body creases and areas where clothing rubs
_____ Hold patch gently in place for 5 seconds to ensure a good seal
_____ Dispose of used items properly
_____ Remove gloves and wash hands
_____ Record that you administered the medication on the MAR
_____ Return unused medication to storage
_____ If this is one of the first three times time medication has been administered observe client for 20 minutes or as directed