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Reporting the results of a survey on ["as directed"](#) instructions for medications and summarizing cases of [misunderstandings](#) resulting from the practice, this newsletter article recommends that physicians should provide explicit directions regarding medication administration steps to patients to ensure medications are used safely and pharmacists are able to provide appropriate [patient counseling](#) if required.