

# What is Medication Adherence?

- ❑ **Medication Adherence**: The patient's conformance with the provider's recommendation with respect to *timing, dosage,* and *frequency* of medication-taking during the prescribed length of time
- ❑ **Compliance**: Patient's passive following of provider's orders
- ❑ **Persistence**: Duration of time patient takes medication, from initiation to discontinuation of therapy



Source:

[http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/296/1248/EvidenceReport208\\_CQGMedAdherence\\_FinalReport\\_20120905.pdf](http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/296/1248/EvidenceReport208_CQGMedAdherence_FinalReport_20120905.pdf)