

# MEDICATION PATIENT SAFETY REPORT

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED IN ERROR: [We are looking at staffing effectiveness]

RN LPN MD SECRETARY PHARMACIST OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DRUG/DOSE/ROUTE/FREQUENCY THAT WAS ORDERED:

## SEVERITY OF EVENT (MUST CIRCLE ONE CATEGORY)

NO ERROR	
Category A	Circumstances that could have caused an error. [ie: two patients with same name in same room; look alike drugs in same drawer]
ERROR, NO HARM	
Category B	An error occurred but the error did not reach the patient. [ie: wrong med sent but corrected before giving; transcribed on wrong chart but fixed before dose due; missing dose given within reasonable time]
Category C	An error occurred that reached the patient but did not cause harm. [No additional care or treatment rendered as a result. ie: stool softener given to wrong patient; med given po instead of IV; dose omitted but no harm to pt.]
Category D	An error occurred that reached the patient and required monitoring to make sure patient not harmed or required intervention to preclude harm. [ie: Extra dose of IV MS given requiring frequent vitals. Digoxin given to wrong patient requiring a heart monitor be used.]
ERROR, HARM	
Category E	An error occurred that possibly resulted in temporary harm to the patient and required intervention. [ie: Resp. depressed after extra dose of MS requiring Narcan]
Category F	An error occurred that may have contributed or resulted in temporary harm to the patient and required initial or prolonged hospitalization. [ie: IV dig on wrong pt. – ICU x 2 days.]
Category G	An error occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in permanent patient harm. [ie: IM med given in vein vs. muscle causing paralysis]
Category H	An error occurred that required intervention necessary to sustain life. [ie: IM dose of Demorol given IV requiring intubation]
ERROR, DEATH	
Category I	An error occurred that may have contributed or resulted in patient's death. [ie: potassium given IV push-lethal arrhythmia-death]

**TURN OVER AND COMPLETE THE CHECKLIST TO FINISH THE REPORT!**



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MR.ORDER

SVPOD-156

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## TYPE OF ERROR

- Not determined
- Expired Product
- Improper dose or quantity
- Prescribing error
- Wrong administration technique
- Wrong drug preparation
- Wrong route
- Deteriorated product
- Extra dose
- Omission error
- Unauthorized drug
- Wrong dosage form
- Wrong patient
- Wrong time

## CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

*(check all that apply)*

- Not determined
- Computer down
- Distractions
- No 24-hour pharmacy
- None
- Poor lighting
- Staff, agency
- Staff, inexperienced
- Staff, insufficient
- Code situation
- Cross coverage
- Emergency situation
- No access to pt. info
- Pt. transfer
- Shift change
- Staff, floating
- Staffing, alternative hours
- Workload increase

## POSSIBLE CAUSES

*(check all that apply)*

- Not determined
- Brand names look alike
- Brand/generic names look alike
- Brand names sound alike
- Brand/generic names sound alike
- Calculation error
- Computer entry
- Computer software
- Computerized Prescriber Order Entry
- Contradicted, drug/allergy
- Contradicted, drug/food
- Contraindicated, drug/drug
- Contraindicated in disease
- Diluent wrong
- Documentation
- Drug distribution system
- Equipment design
- Generic names look alike
- Generic names sound alike
- Handwriting illegible or unclear
- IS
- Label (manufacturer) design
- Labeling (SVCH)
- Label (SVCH) design
- Measuring device
- Non-formulary drug
- Packaging or container design
- Prefix/suffix misinterpreted
- Procedure/protocol not followed
- Pump, improper use
- Repackaging by other facility
- Similar packaging or labeling
- System safeguard
- Transcription inaccurate/omitted
- Written order
- Abbreviations

- Communication
- Decimal point
- Dispensing device involved
- Dosage form confusion
- Drug shortage
- Fax/scanner involved
- Incorrect medication activation
- Knowledge deficit
- Leading zero missing
- Monitoring lacking or inadequate
- Non-metric units used
- Performance (human) deficit
- Preprinted med order form
- Pump, failure/malfcn.
- Reference material
- Repackaging by SVCH
- Storage proximity
- Trailing/terminal zero
- Verbal order

## PATIENT CARE REQUIRED DUE TO ERROR

*(check all that apply)*

- Dialysis
- Hospitalization, initial
- Hospitalization, prolonged 6-10 days
- Hospitalization, prolonged 1-5 days
- Narcotic antagonist
- O2 administered
- Transferred to higher level of care
- Diagnostic test done
- Antidote adm.
- Drug therapy started or changed
- Lab test done
- Observation started or increased
- Surgery performed
- VS monitoring started or increased

***Thank you for your assistance in preventing medication errors and ensuring patient safety!***



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