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Pharmacist and Medication Reconciliation: A Review

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ABSTRACT

Medication errors in hospital are common and potentially harmful. Care interfaces are vulnerable points for the occurrence of drug related incidents. Medication reconciliation is a process proven to reduce errors occurring at these transition points. Medication reconciliation is one of the key elements for effective communication between pharmacists and physician. Pharmacist interception and correction of medication errors is an important safety practice to identify potential problems and prevent patient harm. The process of medication reconciliation consists of creating a comprehensive and accurate list of all medications used by patients prior to admission and reconciling this with the medications prescribed on admission. Medication reconciliation is an important element for patient safety.

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