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Adverse Drug Events Newsletter Kick-Off!

Welcome to a new email series focused on adverse drug events (ADEs).

Throughout this educational email series, we will offer you resources, information and tools related to all aspects of ADEs.

Welcome

Reducing ADEs is a national patient safety goal due to their estimated burden on the health care system. Each year, ADEs account for nearly 700,000 emergency department visits and 100,000 hospitalizations. Nearly 5% of hospitalized patients experience an ADE, making them one of the most common types of inpatient errors.

Risk factors for ADEs include taking multiple medications, increased age and taking certain high-risk medications. Anticoagulants, diabetes medications and opioids have been identified as high-risk medications for ADEs. Evidence from multiple sources demonstrate patients on even one of these medications are at higher risk for experiencing an adverse event. Many of these events are preventable and are hard to measure due to inconsistent definitions and data tracking methods.



General Resources

Preventing ADEs is a critical part of patient safety. Here is the round up of resources you can use!

- [National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event Prevention](#)
- [Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\) Primer on ADEs](#)
- [Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\) Medication Reconciliation to Prevent ADEs](#)
- [Potential Measures of ADEs \(Free account setup required to access this resource\)](#)
- [The Institute for Safe Medication Practices \(ISMP\) Medication Safety Self-Assessment for High Alert Medications](#)
- [ISMP Medication System Worksheets \(Tool for error report investigations\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Prevention and Control \(CDC\) ADE Page](#)



Resources for Patients

Here are tools, videos and more you can share with patients and families.

- [High Alert Medication Learning Guides](#)
- [Patient Medication Safety Tools](#)
- [Pharmacy Questions and Tips](#)
- [Medication Safety Video](#)
- [Safe Use of Medications for Older Adults](#)



Articles and Studies

The CDC has many publications available by topic. Learn more about medication safety and national monitoring below!

- [CDC Medication Safety Publications](#)

**More
Tools**



Look for our next newsletter about opioid ADEs.

Is there a resource you need? Let us know by emailing knewland@mpqhf.org.

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