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Adverse Drug Events Newsletter Vol. 5

Welcome back to our email series focused on adverse drug events (ADEs).

This week's focus is on strategies and interventions to help keep patients safe from these events. Read on for resources to help reduce risk of harm.

National Prescription Drug Take Back - April 30, 2022



The nation's drug overdose epidemic is continuously changing and becoming worse. Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a day committed to encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction.

[Learn more about this event](#)

Welcome

The National Drug Action Plan aims to align the efforts of federal health agencies to reduce patient harms related to ADEs. This action plan outlines a four-pronged approach that includes the following:

- **Surveillance:** Coordinate existing federal surveillance resources and data to assess the health burden and rates of ADEs.
- **Prevention:** Share existing evidence-based prevention tools across

federal agencies and with non-federal health care providers and patients.

- **Incentives and Oversight:** Explore opportunities, including financial incentives and oversight authorities, to promote ADE prevention.
- **Research:** Identify current knowledge gaps and future research needs (unanswered questions) for ADE prevention.

Patients are often at higher risk of ADEs when they are experiencing a transition of care when changes or adjustments in medications are common. Resources to help streamline this process will also be highlighted, focusing on medication reconciliation at critical times such as when transitioning care locations.



General Resources

ADE guidelines, resources and more all in one easy location.

Surveillance

- [Surveillance Resources](#)
- [Evaluation and Overview of the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System](#)

Prevention

- [National Drug Action Plan Prevention Section](#)
- [Patient Risk Assessment Tool for ADEs after Discharge](#)
- [Transitional Care Medication Safety: Stakeholders' Perspectives](#)
- [Adverse Drug Event Trigger Tool](#)

Incentives and Oversight Opportunities

- [Incentives and Oversight](#)

Research

- [Use of Medicare Administrative Claims to Identify a Population at High Risk for ADEs](#)

Medication Reconciliation

- [Patient Safety 101: Medication Reconciliation](#)
- [Medication Reconciliation to Prevent Adverse Drug Events](#)



Resources for Patients

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

- [The Family Caregiver Activation in Transitions \(FCAT\) Tool](#)
- [Discharge Preparation Checklist](#)
- [Medication Reconciliation: Patient and Family Fact Sheet](#)



Articles and Studies

- [Preventing Opioid-related Adverse Drug Events](#)
- [Pharmacy-led Medication Reconciliation during Care Transitions](#)

**More
Tools**



**Look for our next newsletter
about patient empowerment
to manage medications.**

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

Do you know someone who would benefit from receiving these emails?
Ask them to enroll by sending them this link:

**Refer a
Friend**

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