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Federal Funding Opportunities for Medication Safety Research

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Objectives



- Understand the role of medication safety research in practice
- Share examples of medication safety research currently funded through AHRQ Grants
- Discuss opportunities for federal (AHRQ) funding for medication safety research

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The role of medication safety research in practice



*What works? How and when does it work?
Where should we focus our efforts?
What applies to our practice setting?*

Research

- User-driven research
- Collaboration
- Dissemination

Implementation

Use evidence-based research & tools to tailor interventions to your practice

Measurement

Continuous learning

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How do we get involved in medication safety research?



- What initiatives could benefit from research and evidence-based support?
- What could be shared so others can use your experience and results to generate ideas for their practice?
- Collaborate with your local researchers
- Collaborate with other institutions (e.g., other health-systems, academia, human factors experts)
- Collaborate with community champions (e.g., for community pharmacy services, for education, for patient experience)
- Mentored research and postdoctoral training (AHRQ NoFOs!)

Become a part of the research team!

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Stages of patient safety research initiatives



- Identification of risks, hazards, and patient harm.
- Design, implementation, dissemination and spread, and evaluation of interventions to improve patient safety.
- Establishment of strategies to sustain patient safety improvements such as culture, incident/event reporting, measurement, monitoring, and surveillance.

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Opportunities for AHRQ-funding: Sample active projects



Grantee	Title	Aims
Bykov R01 HS 027623 Brigham and Women's Hospital	Drug interactions and opioid-related emergency room visits and hospitalizations among older adults	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effects of <i>fluoxetine</i> and <i>paroxetine</i> on rates of opioid-related ER visits & hospitalizations among older adults who use <i>oxycodone</i>, <i>hydrocodone</i>, or <i>tramadol</i> 2. Effects of <i>diltiazem</i> and <i>verapamil</i> on rates of opioid-related ER visits & hospitalizations among older adults who use <i>oxycodone</i>, <i>fentanyl</i>, or <i>tramadol</i> 3. Effects of <i>clopidogrel</i> and <i>ticlopidine</i> on rates of opioid-related ER visits and hospitalizations among older adults who use <i>tramadol</i>

Exploratory: identification of risks, hazards, and patient harm.

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Grantee	Title	Aims
Becker R01 HS 25386 Michigan State University	Optimizing OTC labels for older adults: Empirical evaluation of labels designed to provide older users the information they need to minimize adverse drug Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine the information to be prioritized in order to reduce the likelihood of ADRs. 2. Investigate formatting techniques that attract attention to critical information when accessing it is not the participant's explicit goal (bottom-up attention). 3. Investigate formatting techniques that attract attention to critical information and promote decision making when accessing that information is the participant's explicit goal (top-down attention). 4. Evaluate the information required for older consumers to make an appropriate OTC choice. 5. Evaluate how optimized labels (based on Aims 1-3) garner attention and support appropriate OTC drug selection by older adults. 6. Evaluate whether the benefits of an optimized label generalize to commercial brands.

Identification of risks, hazards, and patient harm; intervention development and testing

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Grantee	Title	Aims
Witt R18 HS 27960 University of Utah	Overcoming barriers to warfarin patient self- management (PSM) implementation in the US healthcare system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and validate potential PSM <i>barriers and facilitators</i> from the perspective of US patients and anticoagulation providers. 2. <i>Implement PSM</i> in five US ambulatory care sites using implementation strategies developed in partnership with the Anticoagulation Forum's Centers of Excellence program and supported by rapid-cycle research methodologies to overcome identified barriers. 3. Identify specific <i>factors associated with successful PSM implementation outcomes</i> and <i>quantify changes in anticoagulation therapy outcomes</i> such as INR control, bleeding, and thromboembolism associated with PSM implementation.

Design, implementation, dissemination and spread, and evaluation of interventions to improve patient safety.

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Grantee	Title	Aims
Farag R18 HS 029292 University of Iowa	Assuring Medication Safety in K-12 Schools: Implementing and Evaluating the Electronic School Medication Administration Record (E-SMAR) System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement and evaluate the usability of eSMAR in a select sample of K-12 schools in the Iowa City Community School District. 2. Understand contextual factors influencing eSMAR implementation. 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of eSMAR (number of errors intercepted).

Design, implementation, dissemination and spread, and evaluation of interventions to improve patient safety.

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Grantee	Title	Aims
Chui R18 HS 029608 The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System	Engineering Resilient Community Pharmacies (ENRICH) Patient Safety Learning Lab	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and define community pharmacy work system design requirements for safe medication practices to enable resilient performance. 2. Design and develop MedSafeMap, a feasible and sustainable solution that facilitate safe medication practices through resilient performance. 3. Implement MedSafeMap in community pharmacies and pilot test its impact on pharmacy staff attitudes, behaviors, and performance. Refine solutions and identify challenges to adoption. Assess resilience-focused attitudes, behaviors, and performance to support chronic care management (CCM).

Design, implementation, dissemination and spread, and evaluation of interventions to improve patient safety. Establishment of strategies to sustain patient safety improvements such as culture, incident/event reporting, measurement, monitoring, and surveillance.

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Grantee	Title	Aims
Lester R18 HS 028786 Regents of the University of Michigan	Preventing medication errors due to unsafe electronic prescription transactions with just-in-time feedback	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refine the design of SAVE-Rx to resolve unsafe e-prescription transactions. 2. Evaluate the implementation of SAVE-Rx for resolving unsafe e-prescription transactions. 3. Determine the effects of SAVE-Rx on medication safety outcomes. <p>*System Approach to Verifying E-Prescriptions (SAVE-Rx): algorithm uses e-prescription transaction data to automatically identify when drug product description does not match e-prescription NDC or NDC dispensed</p>

Design, implementation, dissemination and spread, and evaluation of interventions to improve patient safety

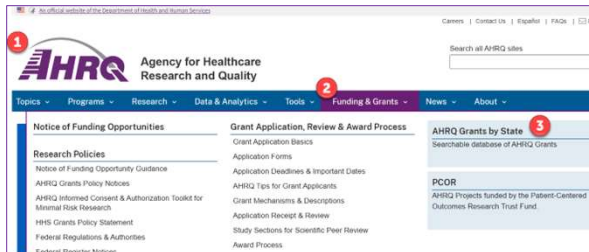
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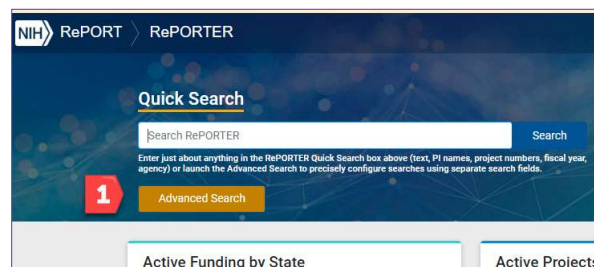
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Opportunities for AHRQ-funding: Where to find examples



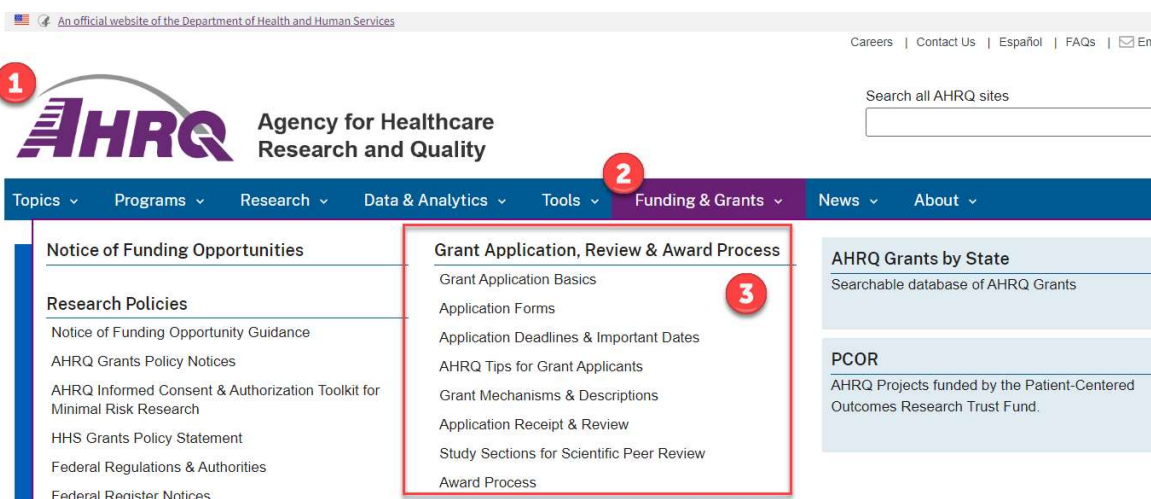
- Searchable database on AHRQ website
- Read abstracts to medication safety related projects

- NIH Reporter – use advanced search to identify medication safety research projects across agencies
- Filter for AHRQ, Investigators, Program Officers, and more!



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Opportunities for AHRQ-funding: Understanding the application process



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Opportunities for AHRQ-funding: Program Announcements

1 AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

2 Funding & Grants

3 Notice of Funding Opportunities

Research Policies

- Notice of Funding Opportunity Guidance
- AHRQ Grants Policy Notices
- AHRQ Informed Consent & Authorization Toolkit for Minimal Risk Research
- HHS Grants Policy Statement
- Federal Regulations & Authorities
- Federal Register Notices

Grant Application, Review & Award Process

- Grant Application Basics
- Application Forms
- Application Deadlines & Important Dates
- AHRQ Tips for Grant Applicants
- Grant Mechanisms & Descriptions
- Application Receipt & Review
- Study Sections for Scientific Peer Review
- Award Process

AHRQ Grants by State

Searchable database of AHRQ Grants

PCOR

AHRQ Projects funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund.

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Opportunities for AHRQ-funding: Selected Notice of Funding Opportunities (NoFOs)

1 AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

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Program Announcements: https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/fund-opps/index.html	
R18	PA 24-156: Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants PA 23-290: Improving Diagnostic Safety in Ambulatory Care: Strategies and Interventions PA 22-048: Large Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Projects for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB) PA 21-267: Making Health Care Safer in Ambulatory Care Settings and Long-term Care Facilities PA 21-264: Large Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Projects for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections
R01	PA 24-154: Health Services Research Projects PA 24-093: Systems-Based Approaches to Improve Patient Safety by Improving Healthcare Worker Safety and Well-Being (Clinical Trial Optional) PA 23-291: Understanding and Improving Diagnostic Safety in Ambulatory Care: Incidence and Contributing Factors PA 22-047: Large Research Projects for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB) PA 21-265: Large Research Projects for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections
R03	PA 24-155: Small Health Services Research Grant Program
R13	PA 22-238: Conference Grant Programs
R21/R33	PA 21-164: Using Innovative Digital Healthcare Solutions to Improve Quality at the Point of Care (Clinical Trial Optional)

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THANK YOU!

Thoughts?

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Simulation Medications The Risk is “Real”

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OhioHealth System

Not-for-profit system of hospitals and healthcare providers based in Ohio area.

- 15 hospitals, 200+ ambulatory sites, hospice, and other health services
- Spanning 47 Ohio counties



Doctors Hospital

- 213 bed, teaching hospital
- Large Osteopathic Medicine Program

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Situation/Background

Healthcare simulation experiences use various types of medications and supplies.

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Assessment

– **Disparate simulation practices:**

- Simulation Lab Run vs Staff Educator
- Isolated or In-Situ (on units)
- Expired items
- “Demo” Items
- Self Made Items
- Empty Boxes

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Assessment

- **Each of the scenarios can present different risks:**
- **These items can look realistic (actually distilled water)**
- **Expired/Deteriorated**
- **Empty boxes/vials**
- Reports from FDA & ISMP have shown these can make it into normal supply and have caused deaths

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Assessment



From the Foundation for Safe Healthcare Simulation: 2015 Demonstration/Simulated Sodium Chloride

[“The FDA report”](#) estimates 45 patients received this fluid intravenously, 2 became septic, requiring ICU admission. Within all the documented incidents, 2 patients died, though the direct link to the fluid administration has not been confirmed. The FDA sent out a safety alert and continues monitoring”

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Examples:



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Partnering for Safety



A Story of Success

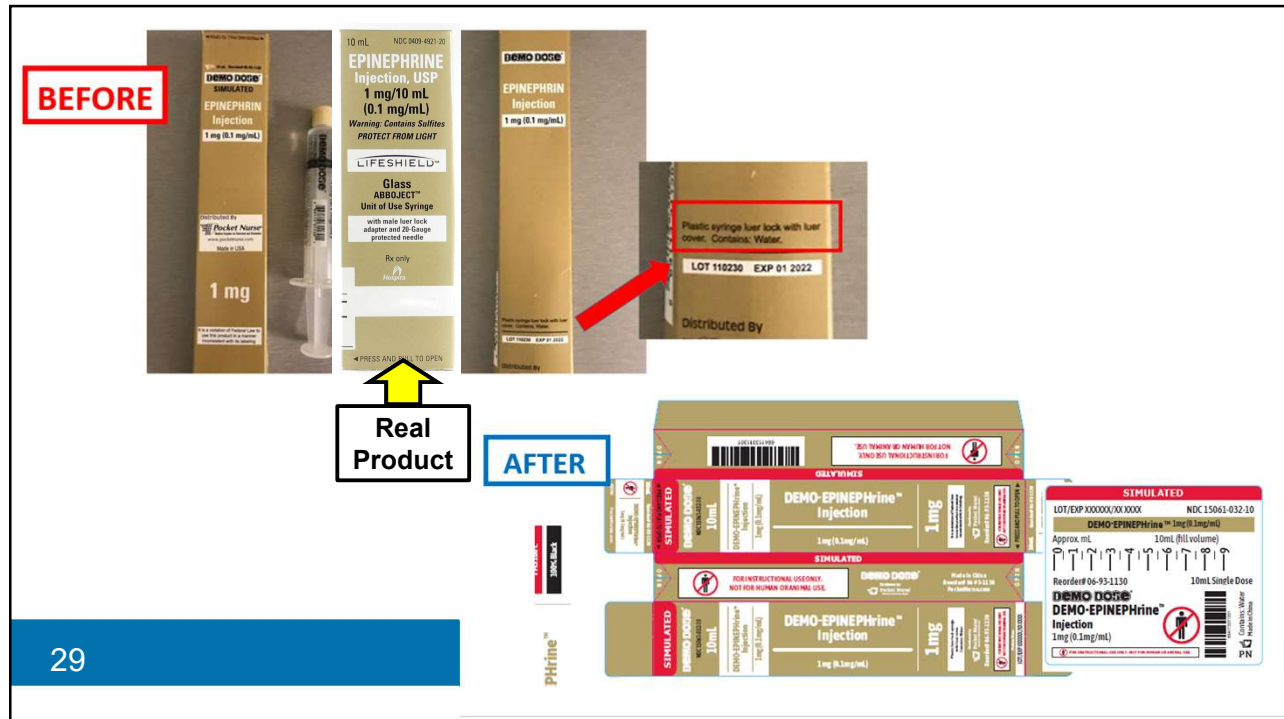
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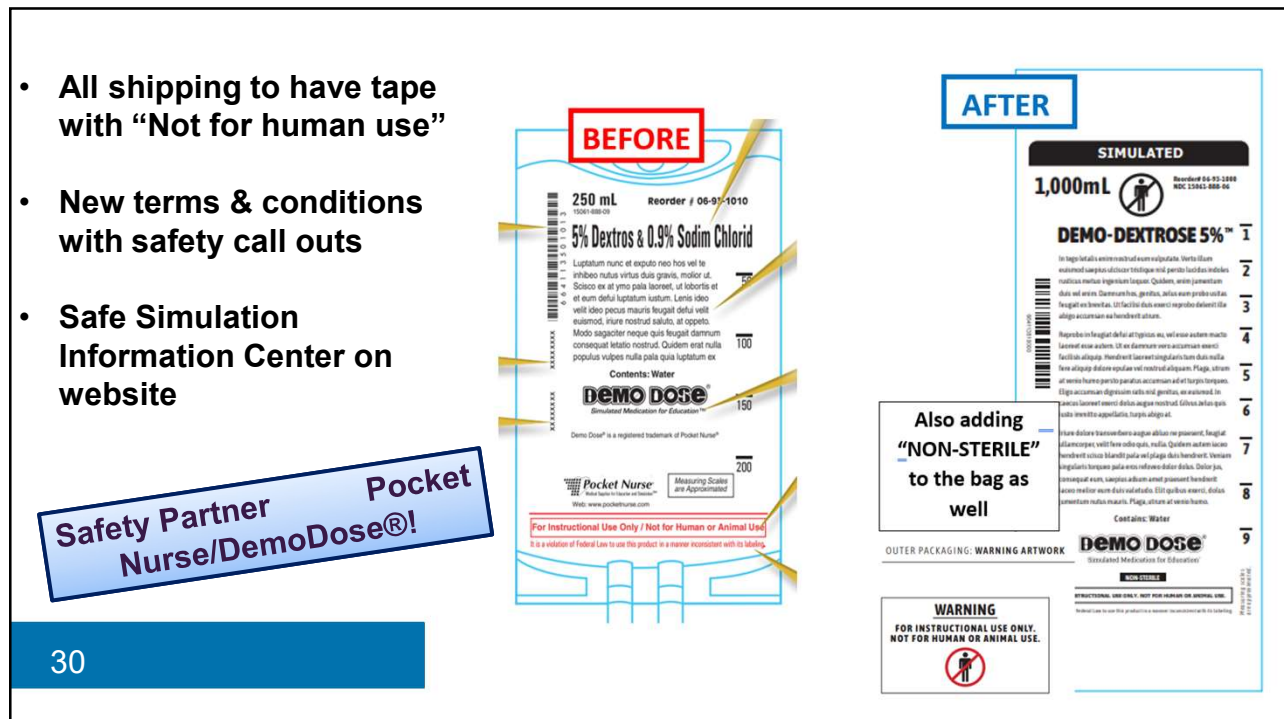
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Recommendation

- **Foundation for Healthcare Simulation Safety:**
<https://healthcaresimulationsafety.org/>
 - First to have a **standardized approach for all simulations/simulation labs** there should not be separate processes, policies & purchasing.
 - Purchasing should **block the simulation companies from being able to be ordered in accidentally** (this is how some of the medications that have made it to patients have occurred)
 - For **ALL simulations**: A list of all items/medications that were used should be recorded during the simulation.
 - At end of event, all items/medications reconciled to assure all items used have been collected, inventoried and disposed of as needed.
 - **Implement Time Outs**

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Recommendation

- **In-Situ Simulations (i.e. on the units):**
 - Best practice is to use real IN-DATE medications, Do not use simulated medications in these scenarios
 - Educate staff not to fill real syringes or vials with tap water or other realistic looking solutions
- **Lab based in the hospital:**
 - All items (real or simulated), should be clearly inventoried and labeled "Not for Human Use"
 - Staff should be clearly educated supplies/medications used are not real/expired
 - No items should leave the lab and could cause harm if used
- **Lab not based in the hospital:**
 - Great environment for simulated medications
 - Robust education that these medications are NOT real and contain only tap water
 - No items should leave the lab and could cause harm if used

Statement for all Simulations:

"The supplies and medications in this simulation are not real, could be expired and need to be returned at the end of the event to the leader. These items could cause harm if used in real practice"

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Recommendation

Label ALL medications and supplies for simulation:



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Patient-Centered Outpatient Pharmacy Prescription Labels

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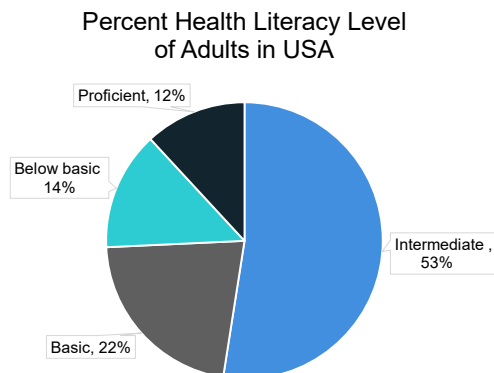
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How well do patients understand label instructions?

— National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL), 2006



— Per USP <17>, 2021

- 46% of patients misunderstood one or more dosage instructions
- Even patients with adequate literacy often misunderstand common prescription directions and auxiliary labels

— ISMP medication error reports due to misunderstanding of pharmacy labels



US Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics, 2006. USP<17>, 2021.

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Errors Reported to ISMP

Confusion between number of dosage units and the dosage strength

- **Lactulose 10 g/15 mL oral solution**
 - “Take **30mL (20 g total)** by mouth 2 (two) times a day for 30 days”
- **PrednisoLONE 15 mg/5 mL (3 mg/mL) oral solution**
 - “Take **13.3 mL (40 mg total)** by mouth daily for 10 days”
- **Sildenafil 10 mg/mL for oral suspension**
 - Discharge paperwork: “Give **0.25 mL (2.5 mg)** by mouth every 8 hours”
 - Pharmacy label: “Give **0.25 mL** by mouth every 8 hours”
 - Accompanying manufacturer syringe dose markings: 0.5 and 2 mL
 - 7-year-old patient given **2.5 mL** every 8 hours



Sildenafil co-packaged syringe



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Errors Reported to ISMP

Confusion about injection dose units versus entire pen/syringe

- **Kineret 100 mg/0.67 mL syringe**
 - Prescription:
“Inject 0.102 mL (15.2239 mg) into the skin daily”
 - Pharmacy label:
“Inject **15 mg** subcutaneously once daily”
 - Caregiver injected entire syringe for 1 year old child



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Errors Reported to ISMP

Confusion about unique frequencies/tapering instructions




— **Methotrexate daily instead of weekly**

- Pharmacy label: "3 tablets every morning and 2 tablets in the evening one day a week"
 - Patient took 3 tablets every single morning and 2 tablets one evening a week.
- Pharmacy label: "3 tablets of 2.5 mg twice daily on Thursdays"
 - Patient took 3 tablets twice daily every day

— **PredniSONE taper confusions**

— **Antineoplastic regorafenib (Stivarga)**

- Weekly tapering instructions with 1 week off (*off-label reduced initial dosing*)
- Dispensed an unbreakable #28 count bottle
- Patient took extra tablets on week off

Week	Cycle 1				Cycle 2
	1	2	3	4	1
Stivarga Once-daily dose	 80 mg	 120 mg	 160 mg	Dosing-free interval	Last dose from Cycle 1



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Errors Reported to ISMP

Wrong route error

— **Albuterol nebulized solution**

- Patient drank solution instead of using a nebulizer machine
 - Nebulizer machine not prescribed/not covered
 - Incomplete patient counseling; non-English speaker



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Pharmacy Prescription Label Standards

- Lack of universal standards for pharmacy labeling is a root cause of:
 - Patient misunderstanding
 - Nonadherence
 - Medication errors
- Individual Boards of Pharmacy regulations and NABP guidance on label directions are mostly generalized
- **Recent** guidance:
 - USP General Chapter <17> Prescription Container Labeling (2021)
 - ISMP Principles for Creating Patient-Centered Outpatient Pharmacy Prescription Labels (forthcoming 2024)



USP <17>, 2021.

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ISMP DRAFT GUIDANCE (Forthcoming 2024)

Principles for Creating Patient-Centered Outpatient Pharmacy Prescription Labels
⇒ *Scope: Prescription Label Instructions*

Should NOT replace
pharmacist-provided
patient education

Should NOT restrict
professional and/or
clinical judgment



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Necessary Information on Label Instructions

- Number of dosage units
- Dosage form
- Route of administration
 - Indicate when a separate device is needed (e.g., with a spacer, with a nebulizer machine)
- Dosing frequency
- Indication (unless the patient refuses)
- Duration of use (as applicable)



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Language

- Explicit, clear, simple, concise wording
- Active verbs
- Route of administration in patient-friendly terms
- Sentence case structure
- Avoid ambiguous instructions
- Avoid error-prone abbreviations, symbols, and dose designations



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Dosage Expression

- Use digits instead of words, except for portions of tablets

Recommended	Not Recommended
— “Take <u>2</u> tablets by mouth in the morning and <u>2</u> tablets in the evening”	— Take <u>two</u> tablets by mouth <u>twice</u> daily
— “Take <u>half</u> a tablet in the evening”	— “Take <u>½</u> tablet in the evening”
— “Take <u>one and a half</u> tablet in the evening”	— “Take <u>1.5</u> tablet in the evening”

- Decimals for portions of liquid
 - Use leading zeros (e.g., 0.5 mL, never .5 mL)
 - Do not use trailing zeros (e.g., 5 mL, never 5.0 mL)
- Clearly separate the number of dosage units from administration times



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Unit of Measure

- Use metric units (e.g., mL) for oral liquids



- Express instructions with number of dosage units
 - As used by the patient to measure and/or administer the dose
 - Match the dose marking(s) on the drug device/measuring device



- Do not combine
 - Dosage strength and number of units
 - Multiple units of measure

Recommended	Not Recommended
— “Take <u>4 mL</u> ...”	— Take <u>2 mg (4 mL)</u> ...”
— “Take <u>2 tablets</u> ...”	— “Take <u>2 tablets (4 mg)</u> ...”



ISMP Targeted Medication Safety Best Practices for Community Pharmacy; 2023. ISMP List of Error-Prone Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations; 2021. Yin HS et al. Pediatrics: 2021;148(6):e2021054666.

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Time Periods and Frequency

- Use the Universal Medication Schedule (UMS) with the specific standardized time periods (i.e., morning, noon, evening, bedtime)

- Avoid

- Times per day (e.g., twice a day)
- Hourly (e.g., every 12 hours)
- Precise hour of the day (e.g., 8 AM)

Recommended	Not Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — “Take 1 tablet by mouth in the <u>morning</u> and 1 tablet <u>at bedtime</u>” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Take 1 tablet by mouth <u>twice daily</u>” — Take 1 tablet by mouth <u>every 12 hours</u>” — Take 1 tablet by mouth <u>at 8 AM and 8 PM</u>”

- May add mealtime anchors (e.g., with lunch, at dinner) as applicable



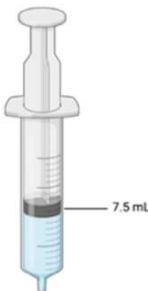



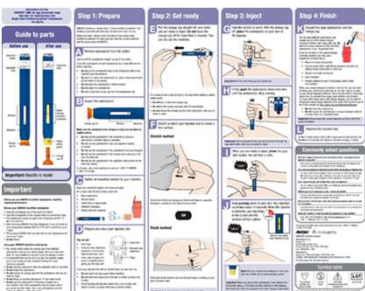
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Consider Supplemental Resources

- Visualization tools

Dose Measurement	Dosing Schedule	Injection Administration Technique
<p>Take 7.5 mL</p>  <p>7.5 mL</p>	<p>Time Interval Visualization</p>  <p>Compliance Package</p>  <p>Dosing Calendar</p> 	<p>Manufacturer's Instruction For Use</p> 



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Key Takeaways

- Instructions on prescription labels need to be patient-centric to avoid medication errors.
- Generally, "less is more" when it comes to the language used to describe how patients should take their medications.
- Medication safety leaders should review the current state of medication instructions on discharge instructions and prescriptions, with the goal of standardizing to directions that are less likely to result in an error.
- Medication safety leaders should share these safe practice recommendations with prescribers, outpatient pharmacy staff, as well as practitioners who provide discharge education to patients.



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Patient Harm from Compounded GLP-1 Agonists

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1 **Accidental overdoses and adverse effects from compounded GLP-1 agonists.** Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists (e.g., **OZEMPIC** [semaglutide], **VICTOZA** [tiraglutide]) were originally approved to treat patients with type 2 diabetes by improving glycemic control, along with diet and exercise. They are available primarily in prefilled pen devices. After clinicians and researchers observed that these medications also helped patients lose weight, manufacturers developed specific products (e.g., **WEGOVY** [semaglutide], **SAXENDA** [tiraglutide]) indicated for chronic weight management.

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Community/Ambulatory Care

ISMP Medication Safety Alert!
Educating the Healthcare Community About Safe Medication Practices

Increased demand and shortages of GLP-1 receptor agonists contributes to patient harm

PROBLEM: Many people struggle to maintain a healthy body weight. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has estimated that more than 40% of adults in the United States are obese.¹ Even though they may try new diets or exercise programs, many people struggle to adhere to these lifestyle changes to maintain any weight loss. To help with their efforts, some people have turned to prescription medications, but, until more recently approved drugs, most of these therapies did not always prove to be significantly effective.

SAFETY briefs

1 **Safe drug administration during fasting.** Fasting is practiced by several cultures around the world. For example, during Ramadan, which begins on the evening of March 10 and ends on April 9 this year, Muslims who fast refrain from certain activities, including eating and drinking, from dawn until sunset. While practices may allow for exemptions from fasting, individuals should be aware of these exemptions.

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Staying Safe When Using New Medicines for Obesity

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Many people want to lose weight as quickly as possible. As a result, new diets to lose weight are always popular. Often, you must follow special instructions such as what you can or cannot eat. You may need to purchase products such as pre-packaged food, protein bars, and powdered shakes. Recently, through the power of social media and studies that show positive results in losing weight, a new treatment has gained public attention. There are no shakes to drink or foods you cannot eat. It just takes injecting a prescription medicine called semaglutide under the skin. Semaglutide works by decreasing your appetite, so you eat less.

Then it sounds easy. However, if you are thinking about using semaglutide to lose weight, it is important to know the following:

First, semaglutide is a prescription medicine used to treat type 2 diabetes. It helps the insulin in your body lower blood sugar levels. Semaglutide, known by the brand name Ozempic, was approved to treat type 2 diabetes by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2017 (Figure 1). It comes in a prefilled pen device that you must inject once every week.

A side effect of semaglutide is weight loss. So, the manufacturer did studies using semaglutide at a higher dose to treat obesity. The new, higher-dosed product, given the brand name Wegovy, was FDA approved in June 2021 to treat obesity or other weight-related medical problems (Figure 2).

Soon, people started talking on social media about how

Figure 1. First, FDA-approved Ozempic prefilled pen (for treating type 2 diabetes). Figure 2. Higher-dosed Wegovy prefilled pen (for treating obesity and other weight-related medical problems).

Figure 3. Example of a website sales price with a one-month supply (based on the cost of the FDA-approved product).

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Expert Insights from ECRI's Device Evaluation Program

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- Sterile drug compounding without the use of technological safeguard increases the risk of medication errors (see [Guidelines for Sterile Compounding and the Safe Use of Sterile Compounding Technology](#))
- Infusion pump damage remains a medication safety concern (see [Guidelines for Optimizing Safe Implementation and Use of Smart Infusion Pumps](#))

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Top 10 Patient Safety Concerns 2024

- Lack of proper escalation process for BCMA scanning failures
- Misuse of parenteral syringes to administer oral liquid medications
- Drug, supply, and equipment shortages continue to compromise patient care



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BPS New Specialty Request: Medication Safety

- New specialty request to BPS Board
- Role delineation study/Job analysis through a task force
- Call for petition
- Request from MSOS members
 - SME who could participate in initial role delineation/job analysis task force



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Survey on New Best Practices

- Brief survey for baseline measurement of the current level of implementation of the new Best Practices for hospitals
- Deadline: April 19, 2024
- Survey link <https://surveys.ismp.org/s3/ISMP-Survey-on-the-Three-NEW-2024-2025-Targeted-Medication-Safety-Best-Practices-for-Hospitals>



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- Webinar on “Leveraging IV Robotics to Optimize Sterile Compounding Practices to Improve Safety”
 - April 10th, 2024
- *ISMP 2024: Forward Facing Strategies for the Future of Medication Safety*
 - June 9th (ASHP Pharmacy Futures)
- Facilitating *Train the Trainer: Peer Support Workshop for Second Victim Program Implementation*
 - June 12th (ASHP Pharmacy Futures)
- Medication Safety Intensive Workshops
 - May 16 & 17
 - Aug 8 & 9
 - Oct 3 & 4
 - Dec 5 & 6
- Medication Safety Intensive Workshops for Community & Specialty Pharmacies
 - Apr 12 & 19
 - Sep 20 & 27



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 - Next MSOS Briefing date – May 23rd, 2024.

