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FDA Requirements for Linear and 2D Data Matrix Barcodes

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Objectives




- Understand the U.S. regulatory requirements for:
 - Linear barcodes
 - 2D data matrix barcodes
- Discuss commonly reported barcode issues



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Overview of Characteristics for Linear and Product Identifier/2D Data Matrix Barcodes


	Linear Barcode (21 CFR 201.25)	2D Data Matrix Barcode (DSCSA)
Example		 <div style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;"> NDC: xxx-xxx-xx SERIAL: xxxxxxxx LOT: xxxxxx Exp: YYYY-MM-DD </div>
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Verify" that the right drug in the right dose and right route of administration is given to the right patient at the right time. • Help reduce medication errors that occur in healthcare settings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized graphic, human- and machine-readable format • The machine-readable format is a 2D data matrix barcode • Used for tracing and verification under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA).
Location	Container Labels and Carton Labeling	Each "package" of product. [Sec. 581(11) of the FD&CA]
Products (some exceptions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human prescription drug products • OTC drug products dispensed pursuant to an order and commonly used in hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription drug in finished dosage form for administration to a patient without substantial further manufacturing... [Sec. 581(13) of the FD&CA] • Prescription drug for human use subject to Sec. 503(b)(1).
Contains (minimum)	NDC	NDC, serial number, lot #, and expiration date

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Discussion of Barcode Issues

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Multiple Barcodes

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Source: ISMP Community/Ambulatory Care Newsletter, 2015 Jun; 14(6).

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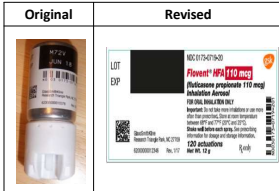
- Reasons for multiple barcodes include: regulatory requirements, and verification during the manufacturing process
- Recommend locating regulatory-required barcodes away from other barcodes
- REPORT: Linear barcodes that cannot be accurately read

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Linear Barcodes Placed Horizontally Around the Curvature of a Vial or Syringe



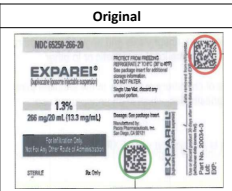
Source: ISMP Acute Care Newsletter, 2017 Oct 19; 22(21).

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- Manufacturers may reposition linear barcodes when adding other barcodes
- **REPORT:** Linear barcodes that cannot be scanned and read

Missing Linear Barcodes



Source: ISMP Acute Care Newsletter, 2018 Jan 25; 23(2).

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- Most human prescription drug products require a linear barcode on the container label and carton labeling
- **REPORT:** Prescription drug products without a linear barcode

Inhalation Products and Barcodes



Source: ISMP Acute Care Newsletter, 2002 May 15; 7(10).

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- Some inhalation products have no barcode or affixed label
- LDPE form fill and seal containers packaged without an overwrap are **excepted** from the linear barcode rule because of potential leaching and contamination related to the barcode ink.
- For new product approvals, we recommend avoiding containers that provide poor visual contrast between the container and label information or have no affixed label but deboss or emboss the information on the container itself.

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Resources



- Linear Barcodes
 - 21 CFR 201.25
 - Guidance for industry: barcode label requirements, questions and answers (2011)
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/biologicsbloodvaccines/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/ucm267392.pdf>
- Product Identifiers/2D Data Matrix Barcode under DSCSA
 - FDA's DSCSA webpage for updates and informational resources:
<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugIntegrityandSupplyChainSecurity/DrugSupplyChainSecurityAct/default.htm>.
 - The Drug Supply Chain Security Act is available at:
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugIntegrityandSupplyChainSecurity/DrugSupplyChainSecurityAct/ucm376829.htm>.

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AHRQ Indications RX Project Incorporating Indications into Electronic Prescriptions

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Agenda

- Background & rationale –
Brigham AHRQ Indications Rx project
- Summarize activities and findings from project aims 1-3
- Demonstrate BWH prototype
- Results of prototype testing
 - Comparisons with Epic and Cerner
- Next steps
 - How might "indications first" be incorporated into EMR?
 - How can we move forward with this?

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Perspective

Incorporating Indications into Medication Ordering — Time to Enter the Age of Reason

Gordon D. Schiff, M.D., Enrique Seoane-Vaquero, Ph.D., and Adam Wright, Ph.D.
N Engl J Med 2016; 375:208-209 | July 28, 2016 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJMp1602964

“Knowledge of indications is key to getting prescribers, pharmacists, nurses, and patients on the same page regarding what is being treated and what outcomes are desired.”

few minds which have sufficient firmness, during the continuance of disease, to reason calmly on the probable effects of remedies, and to compare their wonted action . . . with the indication to be fulfilled in the particular case . . . The only state in which the mind can rest . . . during severe illness, is that of implicit reliance in the skill of the physician, and an entire acquiescence in the course

Incorporating medication indications into the prescribing process

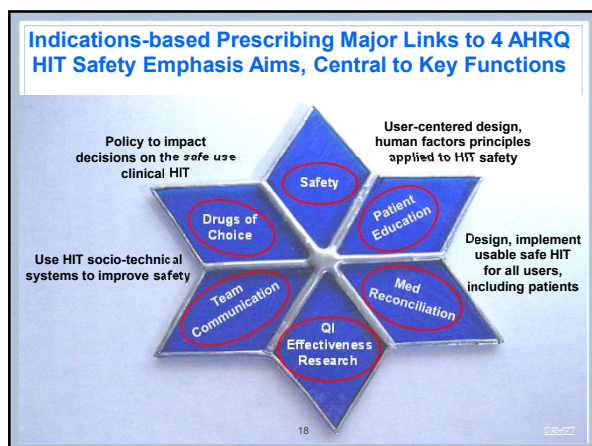
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For nearly 4 decades, multiple organizations have recommended including the indication on the written prescription and on the medication bottle label.¹⁻³ Two decades ago, the National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCCMERP) recommended that “Prescriptions should include a brief notation of purpose (e.g., for cough), unless considered inappropriate by the prescriber.”⁴ Notation of purpose can help further ensure that the proper medication is dispensed and creates an extra safety check in the process of prescribing and dispensing a medication. NCCMERP did recognize that certain medications and diseases may warrant maintaining confidentiality, recommending that “the pharmacist should check with the prescriber if any information is missing or questionable.”⁴

Likewise, more than a decade ago, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy encouraged “national and state medical associations and other interested parties to support legisla-

KEY POINTS


- Medication indications enable pharmacists to perform critical roles with greater certainty, efficiency, and ease.
- Indications-based prescribing has the potential to make prescribing more efficient, and increase patient medication safety and adherence.
- Current computerized prescriber order-entry systems are mostly limited to after-the-fact associations of indications, making the workflow inefficient and more burdensome.




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<http://www.nccmerp.org/council/council1996-09-04.html>

 National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention

Council Recommendations

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Recommendations to Enhance Accuracy of Prescription Writing

The Council recommends:

1. ...all prescription documents be legible. Verbal orders should be minimized. (See the Council's Recommendations to Reduce Medication Errors Associated with Verbal Medication Orders and Prescriptions)
2. ...prescription orders include a brief notation of purpose (e.g., for cough), unless considered inappropriate by the prescriber. Notation of purpose can help further assure that the proper medication is dispensed and creates an extra safety check in the process of prescribing and dispensing a medication. The Council does recognize, however, that certain medications and disease states may warrant maintaining confidentiality.
3. ...all prescription orders be written in the metric system except for the prescribers that use standard units such as insulin; vitamins; etc. Units should be spelled out rather than writing "U." The change to the use of the metric system from the archaic apothecary and avoirdupois systems will help avoid misinterpretations of these abbreviations and symbols, and miscalculations when converting to metric, which is used in product labeling and package inserts.

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Overall AHRQ Project Aim

"To improve prescribing safety by redesigning medication computerized prescriber order entry (CPOE) by incorporating the medication indication into the prescription order."

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3 Year Project Specific Aims

1. Convene 6 stakeholder expert panels on rationale, multi-user needs, operational and interoperability requirements, interface design elements, limitations and barriers, and policy implications of incorporating indication into CPOE; publication of Sounding Board and White Paper
2. Build working prototype indications-enabled CPOE using user-centered design incorporating Aim 1 recommendations
3. Formally test and compare prototype to two widely deployed CPOE systems using use-case clinical scenarios re: ordering speed, error rate, user experience/satisfaction, plus usefulness and safety of the prescriptions generated for pharmacists and patients.

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AbbVie	Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy	Boesen & Snow LLC
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Agilex	Brigham and Women's Hospital
AHRQ	California State Board of Pharmacy
Albany Medical Center	Catamaran
American Academy of Family Physicians	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
American Board of Internal Medicine	Cerner
American Cancer Society	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
American College of Physicians	CMI Project
American Heart Association	Colcamex Resources
American Medical Association (AMA)	Cone Health
American Pharmacists Association (APhA)	Consumer Reports
American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists	CVS Caremark
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	CVS Health
Ashleigh Fisher Consulting	Dartmouth College
Athenahealth	Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT
Baptist Healthcare System	District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy
Baton Rouge General Hospital	DrFirst
Baylor College of Medicine	Duke University
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Epic	Kaiser Permanente
Epilepsy Foundation of America	King Fahad Medical City
Fairview Pharmacy Services	Kroger
First Data Bank (FDB)	Lee Memorial Health System
First DataBank	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University (MCPHSU)
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Massachusetts General Hospital
Genelink	Massachusetts Pharmacy Association
Government of Western Australia Department of Health	Mayo Clinic Rochester
Granada Health, LLC	McKesson
Harvard Medical School	Memorial Pediatrics
Harvard Primary Care Center	Merck & Co., Inc.
Healthcare Compliance Packaging Council	Midwestern University
Healthy Motivation	Molina Healthcare
Hearst Magazine	Molina Medicaid Solutions
Indian Health Service	Montefiore Medical Center
Indiana University	National Academy on an Aging Society
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Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP)	National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)
International Medical Interpreters Association	National Association of Chain Drug Stores

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NCPDP	Point-of-Care Partners
New York State Board of Pharmacy	Project Patient Care
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OptumInsight, Inc.	South Carolina Pharmacy Association
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Patient Safety America	SUNY Buffalo
Patients for Patient Safety Canada	Surescripts
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Participating Stakeholders' Organizations

The Joint Commission	University of Illinois - Chicago
The Lynx Group	University of Maryland
The Medical Letter	University of Mass Memorial Medical Center
The PSO Advisory	University of Minnesota
The University of Alcalá de Henares	University of Pennsylvania
The University of Illinois at Chicago	University of Sydney
Truven Health Analytics	University of Washington
Tufts Medical Center	US Public Health Service
UCL School of Pharmacy, London	Vanderbilt University
UIC College of Pharmacy	Veterans Affairs
UNC School of Pharmacy	Veterans' Association
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)	Walgreens
United States Pharmacopeia (USP)	Walmart
Université Catholique de Louvain	Weill Cornell Medical College
Université Laval	Wisconsin Department of Health Services
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Wolters Kluwer
University of Arizona College of Pharmacy	Wolters Kluwer, Clinical Drug Information
University of British Columbia (UBC)	Yale University
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)	York University, Toronto
University of Colorado	Zynx
University of Connecticut	
University of Edinburgh	

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Knowing Medication Indication Would Prevent These Errors*

- Rapamune (immunosuppressant) vs. Rapaflo (BPH). Consequence: organ rejection or progressive BPH
- Risperidone (schizophrenia, bipolar disorder) vs. Ropinirole (PD, RLS). Consequence: worsening of symptoms
- Tramadol (pain) vs. Trazodone (depression). Consequence: no pain relief or increase depressive mood
- Lamotrigine (epilepsy) vs. Lamivudine (HBV or IV). Consequences: seizure or liver failure/AIDS (lamivudine indications are dose dependent)
- Prozac (depression) vs. Prograf (transplant rejection). Consequence: organ rejection or worsening of depression

*ISMP List of Confused Drug Names -
ISMP National Medication Error Reporting Program
<https://www.ismp.org/tools/confuseddrugnames.pdf>

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- Brilinta (antiplatelet) vs. Brintellix (antidepressant). Consequence: bleeding risk or worsening of depression
- Chlorpromazine (schizophrenia) vs. Chlorpropamide (DM). Consequence: delusional/hallucinating symptoms or hyperglycemia
- Jantoven (anticoagulant) vs. Januvia (DM). Consequences: bleeding risk or hyperglycemia
- Keppra (epilepsy) vs. Keflex (infection). Consequences: seizure or worsening of infection
- Sulfasalazine (UC, RA) vs. Sulfadiazine (infection). Consequence: disease flare/progression or antibiotic resistance/worsening of infection

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Can drug indications be used to discriminate between LASA drugs?

- Study done in collaboration with a commercial drug knowledgebase vendor
- Compared high-level indications for commonly confused drug pairs
- Of 281 eligible LASA drug pairs (456 unique drugs)
 - **168 (60%)** had no overlap in indications
 - **58 (21%)** had partial overlap in indications
 - **55 (20%)** had complete overlap in indications
 - Half were drugs with the same active ingredient and route of administration (e.g., *Adderall*, *Adderall XR*)

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Epic Recognizes, has Functionality to Enter Indications

Order and Prescription Medication (1 Order)

Order: Ciprofloxacin HCl (CIPRO) 500 MG Tablet

Product: CIPROFLOXACIN 500 MG TABLET

Dose: 500 mg

Frequency: 2 times daily

Duration: 7 days

Start time: 10/22/2015

End time: 10/29/2015

Dispense as written: ☐

Class: Normal

Indication: ☐ Add Additional Information to the patient

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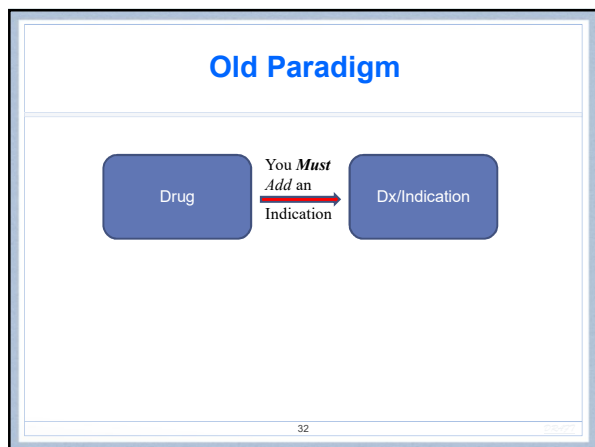
- ☐ Acute Bacterial Infection of the Urinary Tract
- ☐ Acute Bacterial Infection of the Respiratory Tract
- ☐ Acute Bacterial Infection of the Skin
- ☐ Acute Bacterial Infection of the Gastrointestinal Tract
- ☐ Acute Bacterial Infection of the Central Nervous System
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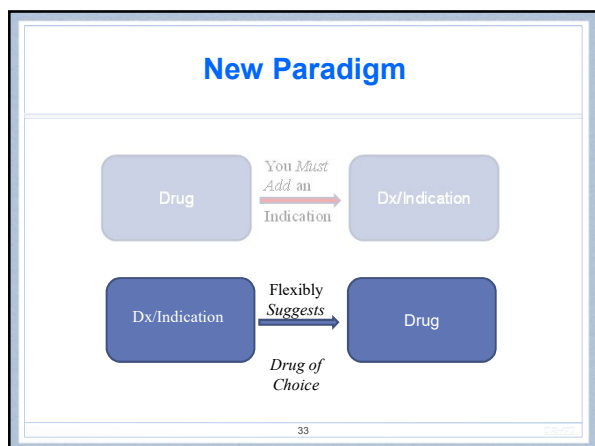
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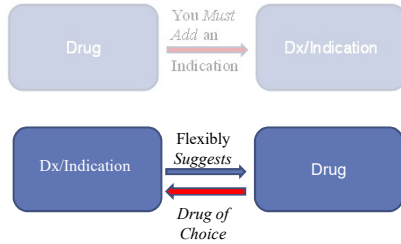




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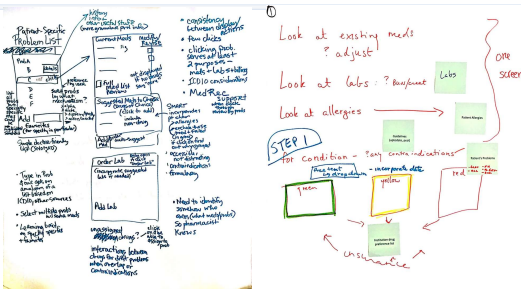
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New Paradigm



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User Centered Design



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Demo

<http://indicationsrx.partners.org/>

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Methods

- Conducted 32 in-person usability tests with prototype CPOE system and commercial vendors
 - Cerner:
 - Tests done at University of Illinois - Chicago
 - October 2017
 - Epic:
 - Tests done at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston
 - May - June 2017

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Methods

- Each usability testing session lasted 40-90 minutes
- Participants were given a brief training on the prototype and time to explore
- Participants worked through 8 clinical scenarios with the IndRx Prototype and Epic or Cerner
 - The task was to review the patients history and order an appropriate medication including the indication for the pharmacist and patient
 - The order of the tasks and systems was alternated to avoid bias
- A usability specialist observed, moderated and recorded the session
 - Morae software was used to capture data including time and clicks
- Participants responded to the Single Ease Question (SEQ) after they completed each task and the System Usability Scale (SUS) for the prototype at the end of the test

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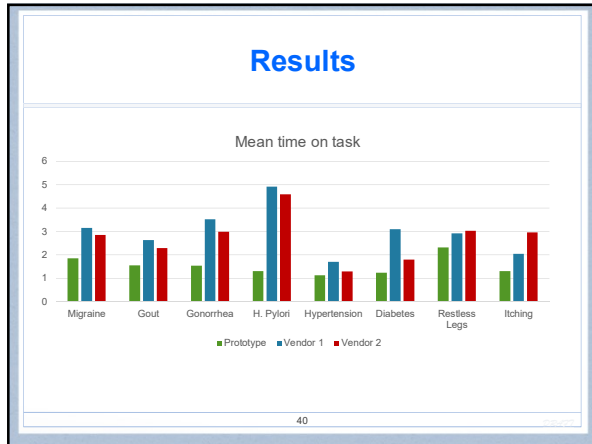
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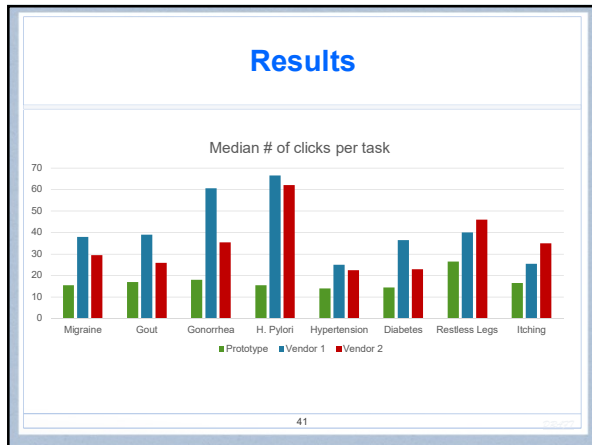
Clinical Role		# of Participants (%)	
MD attending		17 (53%)	
PA		2 (6%)	
Resident (2nd, 3rd, or 4th year)		13 (41%)	
Total		32	
Time Using Current System		Vendor	
< 5 years		4 (33%)	<2 years 4 (33%)
5-10 years		4 (33%)	2 years 14 (70%)
11-15 years		2 (17%)	>2 years 2 (10%)
>15 years		2 (17%)	
Total		12	20
Level of skill with technology		Total	
1. Novice		1 (3%)	
2. Novice-Intermediate		2 (6%)	
3. Intermediate		15 (47%)	
4. Intermediate-Expert		5 (16%)	
5. Expert		6 (19%)	
Total		32	
Do you use indications with Epic/Cerner now?		Vendor	
Yes, link to diagnosis		2 (17%)	5 (25%)
For specific reasons, but not everything		4 (33%)	4 (20%)
Sometimes		1 (0%)	6 (30%)
No		5 (42%)	5 (25%)
Total		12	20

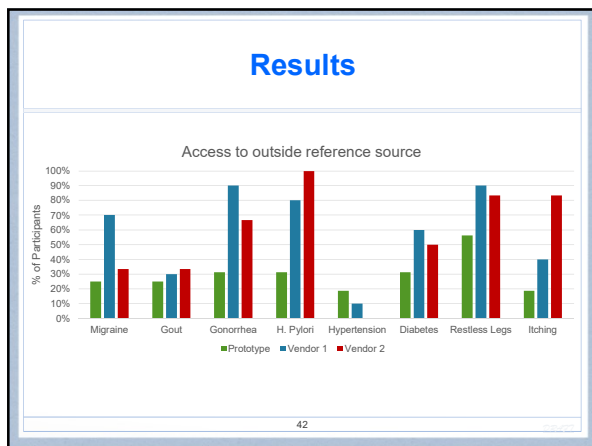
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Results

Independent pharmacist review of order details revealed:

- 5% of orders made in the **prototype** 'failed' to be appropriate for the patient and indication
- 39% of orders made in **vendor 1** 'failed' to be appropriate for the patient and indication
- 15% of orders made in **vendor 2** 'failed' to be appropriate for the patient and indication
- <1% of orders had an LASA error in the prototype, 2.5% in vendor 1 and 2% in vendor 2

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Results

Reasons for failure include:

Missing Ceftriaxone as part of therapy for Gonorrhea	Incorrect Route
Missing PPI as part of therapy for h. pylori	Incorrect frequency
Drug for treatment of Migraine not for prevention	Incorrect duration
Capsule strength not available	Disease-drug interaction
Renal function not recommended	LASA error
Drug-drug interaction	Incorrect dose
Dosing Instructions incorrect	Drug-allergy interaction
Conflicting sig instructions	

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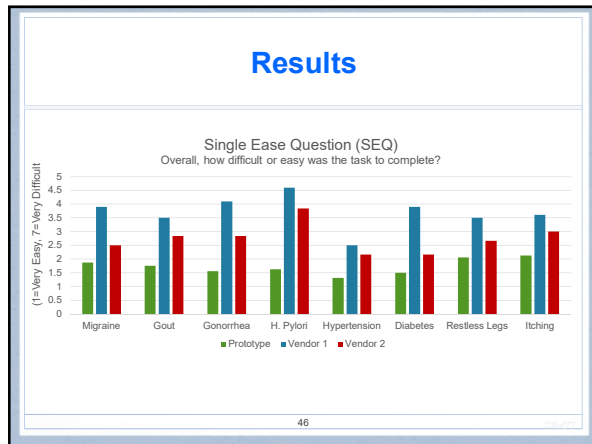
Results

Task Success:	% of order sets that successfully included indication with prescription for patient and pharmacist
Prototype	100%
Vendor 1	61%
Vendor 2	62% (electronic prescriptions) 83% (printed prescriptions)

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Results

Post Survey Results (System Usability Scale)
(1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree)

	Mean Rating
I think that I would like to use this system frequently.	4.72
I found the system unnecessarily complex.	1.38
I thought the system was easy to use.	4.84
I think that I would need the support of a technical person to be able to use this system.	1.47
I found the various functions in this system were well integrated	4.59
I thought there was too much inconsistency in this system	1.38
I imagine that most people would learn to use this system very quickly	4.66
I found the system very cumbersome to use.	1.19
I felt very confident using the system.	4.34
I needed to learn a lot of things before I could get going with this system.	1.63

89.69
Average SUS Score

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- ## Next Steps
- Publicize, present, publish multiple project studies
 - Continue to help create interest, will, amongst key players
 - ISMP, HIMSS, AMIA, SGIM, IHI/NSPF, others
 - Work with Epic, Center, other vendors to incorporate
 - ? Stand alone vs. integrated "apps" to CPOE
 - ? Partners potentials
 - Develop content to support
 - Drugs and regimens of choice
 - Who/what is "Trusted Source"
 - Address other challenges, thorny issues
 - Diagnosis vs. Indication in Surescripts
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Next Steps –Actions You Can Take

- Check the EHR indication-related functionality at your institution
 - Various ways to incorporate, workaround, leverage
 - Push vendors to create functionality similar to our prototype
- P&T committees- think about how this paradigm weaves into drugs of choice; start to designate
 - Re-engineering up stream using indication, operationalize at level of drugs of choice
- Imaging all the places indication would be beneficial; document examples
 - Prevalence and incidence data
 - Common LASA errors reported locally

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Justification for Latin Prescriptions (1833)

- *The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal; Sep 18, 1833*
- "The question is often asked, why physicians do not write their prescriptions in English. The answer is obvious – that if they did, the patient would often be less benefited than he is now."
- "The only state in which the mind can rest with any degree of satisfaction during severe illness, is that of implicit reliance in the skill of the physician, and an entire acquiescence in the course adopted, without the slightest question or argument."

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LATIN PRESCRIPTIONS.
The question is often asked, why physicians do not write their prescriptions in English. The answer is obvious—that if they did, the patient would often be less benefited than he is now. There are very few minds which have sufficient freedom, during the continuance of disease, to reason calmly on the probable effects of remedies, and to compare their wanted action on the animal economy with the indication to be fulfilled in the particular case. Yet such would be the anxiety produced in the patient, by knowing what was the article directed for his use, that he would hardly be restrained from going into a full consideration of all its possible consequences. The only state in which the mind can rest with any degree of satisfaction during severe illness, is that of implicit reliance in the skill of the physician, and an entire acquiescence in the course adopted, without the slightest question or argument as to its correctness. The physician himself, when such, feels this necessary to his comfort; and if also, voluntarily abstains from making any inquiry into the nature of the medicine administered to him. But it may be said that for the satisfaction of the friends, the nature of the article prescribed ought to be known. We believe, however, that this course, so far from contributing to the satisfaction of the non-medical attendants, would tend only to produce the reverse. Every prescription would excite the subject of discussion between the doctor and the nurse, and the friends of the suffering party would be compelled to take part in the dispute. If the article prescribed failed immediately to effect its purpose, the plan pursued would at once become the topic of criticism, and endless disputes would ensue between the parties concerned. In fine, in the case of disease, as in the management of a ship or any other important duty, there must be one responsible person; and as any interference with him is a breach of discipline in the one case, so in the other against courtesy in the other. The former merits no appropriate punishment; but in the latter would be allowed to give in instantly the temptation to it is wisely avoided by keeping the parties who would be likely to interfere in a state of ignorance. We state this as the true argument for having prescriptions generally covered in an ancient language; for whenever the physician by his patient, being of sound mind, he is bound to impart to, although it may be tedious to write the patient that the information thus asked is likely to be of little service. Of the right of the patient to be informed on this subject, there can be no question; the expediency of

Clinician Perspective

- "Don't tell me what to do"
 - I don't want anyone taking away my clinical autonomy; especially someone who doesn't know my patient, or what is best for him or her like I do.
- "Just tell me what to do"
 - I am so frustrated with all the hassles and back and forth faxes and calls with formulary/nonformulary, prior authorization, multitiered co-payment, that....just tell me what to do and I will do it so I can move on to my next patient and work.

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