

Medication Safety

This online course is designed to describe the critical elements of medication safety that are essential for ensuring high-quality patient care through evidence-based nursing practice.

After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Define the concept of medication safety.
- Explain why the five rights do not ensure complete medication safety.
- Describe the components of the medication management process.
- List the categories of medication errors.
- Identify the eight general causes of medication errors.
- Describe the key types of communication in prevention of medication errors.
- Describe the difference between mandatory and voluntary error reporting systems.
- Explain why health care administrators need to be educated on the meaning of error rates.
- Describe the role of and provide some examples of stakeholders in the health care environment.
- Identify two goals of The Joint Commission.
- Identify the features that bar code medication administration systems need in order to be effective.
- Provide three examples of strategies for reducing the incidence of medication errors.
- Describe the responsibilities of nurses, patients, administrators, and physicians for medication safety.
- Explain how health care professionals can prevent medication errors.

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