

052: USING INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS TO IMPROVE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

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Objective:

Medication management is a vital, yet often complex and high-risk, process in any health care organization. Failure in any part of the process can result in potentially life-threatening or debilitating effects to patients.

Joint Commission International Accreditation Standards for Hospitals address the key components of planning and implementing a safe medication use system, including prescribing, ordering, administration, and monitoring. This presentation will demonstrate how the standards framework can be used to guide a self-assessment of a medication use system, helping to identify risk points through both data collection and process analysis.

Methods:

Overview of Joint Commission International accreditation standards as applied to medication use, including prescribing, ordering, administration, and monitoring. This presentation will also address designing a medication recall system as well as processes for data collection and analysis of medication errors and adverse medication effects.