

# Admission Medication Reconciliation:

## Nursing



# What is Admission Med Reconciliation?

Medication Reconciliation (*often referred to as Med. Rec.*) is a process of documenting a complete and accurate list of the patient's pre-admission (home) medications and then comparing that list against the physician's admission orders; addressing and documenting all differences.

# Admission Med Reconciliation

## **Topic:**

*We are conducting a pilot on 2-East to study of improving the timeliness of Medication Reconciliation upon admission.*

## **Goal:**

*To reconcile (compare and document) the patient's admission medication regimen within 24 hours of admission.*

*High risk-drugs should be addressed asap.*

# Recent Enhancements to the Pilot

- Admission Medication Reconciliation Form
  - Admission Med Rec Forms that print will be placed in the chart immediately behind the “CYA” tab.
  - It should be reviewed by prescribers prior to ordering any new medications.
  - It may serve as an order also.
  - If used as a order by nursing, pharmacy or the prescriber, it should be scanned to pharmacy then filed in the “Orders” section

# Admission Medication Reconciliation Pilot 2E

- We will use Meditech to communicate to each other the status of each patient's reconciliation.
- We have loaded five possible “messages” to communicate to each other:
  - One when **Complete**
  - One between **Pharmacy** employees
  - Three possible messages to **Nursing**
    - For BLANK forms (with no meds)
    - For Incomplete forms (needs more information from patient, family and/or retail pharmacy).
    - To notify for contacting the prescriber.

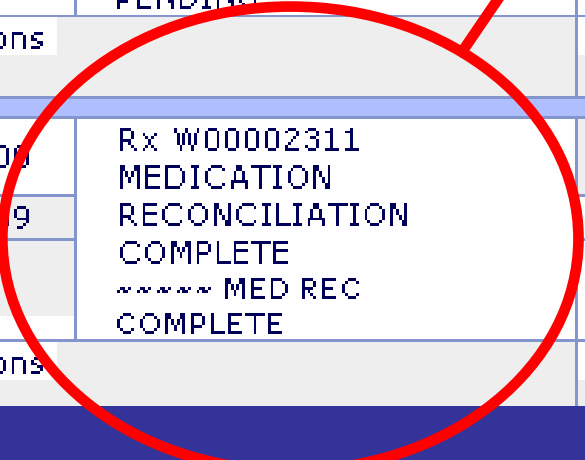
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Stop		Route	Ack	Monograph	Asmnt
Current Status		Frequency	Adjustment	Co-sign	Ref Err
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
08/14/07 1815	Rx W00002313 MED RECON PENDING	1 EA	08/14 1815		
09/13/07 1814	NEEDS NURSE ATTENTION	XX	ACK		
ACTIVE	***** MED REC PENDING	Q12H			
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
		This patient has listed Lasix 20 mg po daily as a medication prior to admission. This medication has not been addressed since admission. Please clarify with the provider and document on the Admission Reconciliation Form.			
08/14/07 1800	Rx W00002312 MED RECON PENDING	1 EA			
09/13/07 1759	NEEDS PHARMACY ATTENTION	XX	ACK		
ACTIVE	***** MED REC PENDING	ONCE PRN			
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
		NEEDS PHARMACIST ATTENTION			
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ACTIVE	***** MED REC COMPLETE	XX	ACK		
Dose Instructions		ONCE PRN			
		Label Comments			

**Initial Adm. Med Rec. Complete.**

Does not “pink up”.

Requires no nursing action.

For documentation & communication.



**Drug Name: MEDC**

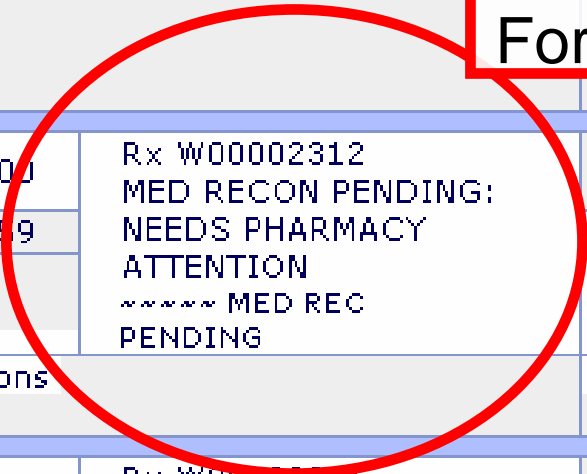
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09/13/07 1814	NEEDS NURSE ATTENTION ***** MED REC PENDING	XX	08/15 0615		
ACTIVE		ONCE PRN			
Dose Instructions					
This patient has listed Lasix 20 mg po daily as a medication prior to admission, but this med(s) has not been addressed document on the Admission Reconciliation Form.					
08/14/07 1800	Rx W00002312 MED RECON PENDING: NEEDS PHARMACY ATTENTION ***** MED REC PENDING	1 EA < 1 EACH >			
09/13/07 1759		XX	ACK		
ACTIVE		ONCE PRN			
Dose Instructions					
Label Comments NEEDS PHARMACIST ATTENTION					
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Dose Instructions					
Label Comments					

**Med Rec issues being addressed by Pharmacy.**

Does not "pink up".

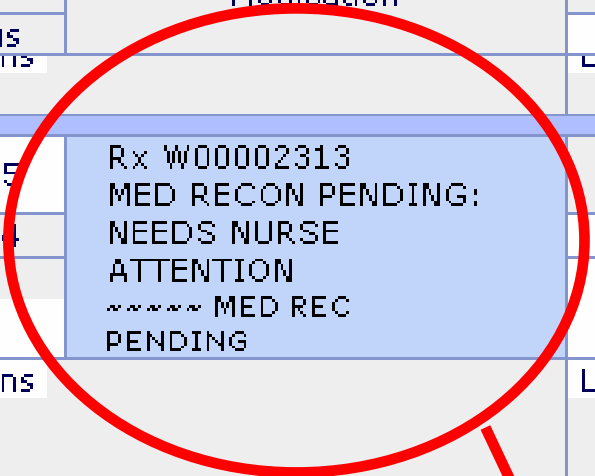
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**Drug Name: MEDP**

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Current Status		Frequency	Adjustment	Co-sign	Ref Err
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
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09/13/07 1814		XX	ACK		
ACTIVE		Q12H			
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
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ACTIVE		Q12H			
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
		Please make sure these are addressed before leaving your shift.			
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		Q12H			
Dose Instructions		Label Comments			
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**Med Rec issues Need NURSING Attn.**

“Pinks up” because timely action needed

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**Drug Name: MEDN**  
**Canned Text: MRMD**

# Pending: Nurse

- Three Possible Messages:
  1. **The Adm Med Rec Form Prints Blank**  
(This is different than documented, “No Home Meds”)
    - *The MAR message will read, “The Admission Medication Reconciliation Form has printed blank. The Medications Prior to Admission Assessment needs to be re-documented.”*
    - *Please re-document the assessment asap to properly evoke the order so a form will print adequate for a clinical comparison*
    - **TIP:** *The number one reason a form might print blank.....*

# To Prevent Forms from Printing BLANK...

**Fixed Time**  
Tue, Aug 14, 2007 10:00  
Cynthia L Marsh

**Document Date, Time & User**  
Aug 14, 2007 at 1100  
by Cynthia L Marsh

Date: 08/14/2007  
Care Provider: [ ]

Time: 1100

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
<=	0	N

Use Real Time

OK Cancel

**Do NOT edit the original assessment.**

Enter:

- [New Assessment] -
- [Recall Values] -
- [File] -
- [Submit]

**Don't "back-time" the Medications Prior to Admission Assessment. Make sure you ENTER THE CURRENT TIME NOT the time you may have performed the medication interview.**

Historical Meds  
Exit PCS

Ana Figueiredo MEDITECH Issue LAB #5359245 - Test Mon 8/13/2

# Pending: Nurse

- Three Possible Messages:

## 2. Form Incomplete:

(Missing or Pending Information)

- *This message will be used when more information is needed from the patient, family or retail pharmacy.*
- *The MAR message will read, “The Admission Medication Reconciliation Form has printed with incomplete information. Please document the Medications Prior to Admission Assessment when the information is available.”*
- *Once the information is received, update accordingly:  
[New Assessment] - [Recall Values] –  
(add / edit the new information)- [File] – [Submit] then  
Scan to Pharmacy and place in the chart (CYA)*

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# Pending: Nurse

- Three Possible Messages:
  - **Critical Med Needs a MD to Address:**
    - This message is used when the nurse needs to contact a prescriber for clarification of a vital medication.
    - *The MAR message will read, “This patient has listed...[the specific items of question will be listed here] as a medication prior to admission, but this med(s) has not been addressed since admission. Please clarify with the provider and document on the Admission Medication Reconciliation Form.”*
    - *Once clarification is received, document findings on the Adm Med Rec Form – Scan to Pharmacy- and place in the “Orders” section.*

**Please do NOT leave your shift without resolving this issue.**

**Patient Lives Depend on You.**

# Pending: Nurse

- Three Possible Messages:

- Blank

- The Admission Medication Reconciliation Form has printed blank. The Medications Prior to Admission for Assessment needs to be re-documented.

- Form Incomplete

- The Admission Medication Reconciliation Form has printed with incomplete information. Please document the Medications Prior to Admission Assessment when the information is available.

- Needs a MD

- This patient has listed...[you need to type the items with issues here] as a medication prior to admission, but this med(s) has not been addressed since admission. Please clarify with the provider and document on the Admission Medication Reconciliation Form.

**Make sure you understand these messages and resolve them prior to leaving your shift**

# For Any Problems of Questions...

Life-threatening medication errors occur very often at the interfaces of care such as admission to the hospital.  
Please don't take this process lightly.

**Don't hesitate to call pharmacy !**

Please resolve all messages prior to leaving your shift.