Improvements to the Hospital Wide BCMA Process through the Collaborative Efforts of the Nursing and Pharmacy Departments

Poster Presentation

- The learner will be able to understand that collaboration between pharmacy and nursing will result in an increase in patient safety.
- The learner will also see that workarounds develop after implementation of a new process and that attention needs to be given to workflows to prevent this from developing.

Successful transition to BCMA requires a collaborative effort of many teams in the hospital, particularly nursing and pharmacy. The BCMA process has the potential to reduce dispensing and administration errors. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (2007) reports that hospitalized patients are subject to one medication error per day and the BCMA process has the potential to reduce these errors.

The target audience for this poster would be nurses, pharmacists, patient care associates and pharmacy technicians. It may also include nursing and pharmacy administration trying to improve workflow problems.

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