

# Medication Reconciliation- Tips and Tools for Making the Process go Smoother

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## 2009 National Patient Safety Goals Reconcile Medications

### **Goal 8:**

Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care

- **NPSG.08.01.01:** A process exists for comparing the patient's current medications **with those ordered** for the patient while under the care of the organization. [was Goal 8A]
- *Applies to: Ambulatory, Behavioral Health Care, Critical Access Hospital, Disease-Specific Care, Home Care, Hospital, Long Term Care, Office-Based Surgery*

*Revised for 2009*

## Reconcile Medications

- NPSG.08.02.01: When a patient is referred or transferred from one organization to another, **the complete and reconciled list of medications is communicated to the next provider** of service and the communication is documented. Alternatively, when a patient leaves the organization's care directly to his or her home, the complete and reconciled list of medications is provided to the patient's known primary care provider, or the original referring provider, or a known next provider of service. [was Goal 8B]
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## Reconcile Medications

- NPSG.08.03.01: When a patient leaves the organization's care, a complete and reconciled list of the **patient's medications is provided directly to the patient**, and the patient's family as needed, and the list is explained to the patient and/or family.
- *Applies to: Ambulatory, Behavioral Health Care, Critical Access Hospital, Disease-Specific Care, Home Care, Hospital, Long Term Care, Office-Based Surgery*

**New for 2009**

## Why is a Controlled Drug Vocabulary so Important for Med Rec

- **The Drug Domain –modeling a hierarchy and populating a controlled drug vocabulary requires pharmaceutical knowledge and expertise... and continuing dedicated resources**

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## Why is a Controlled Drug Vocabulary so Important for Med Rec?

- Concept-based drug terminology has stable identifiers, synonyms and description term relationships
  - For easy med list recognition (by patient)
  - Helps prevent duplicate entries (duplicate therapies/duplicate ingredients)
- Concepts available in relational data tables intended to be implemented in Searching Algorithms (e.g. “Googling”), pick-lists and hierarchies

## Why is a Controlled Drug Vocabulary so Important for Med Rec?

- Concepts facilitate decision support integration
  - Immediate drug – allergy checking
  - Quick access to linked referential drug information such as AHFS
  - Organize medication list by indication or class
- Concepts are linked to interoperability standard- RxNORM and NDCs

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- Linked orders-
  - that are a clinician-centric view of medication orders
  - tight integration with existing hospital systems
- keys for generating enthusiasm and a successful adoption.

