



National Infusion Collaborative Clinical Meeting

Fall Clinical Meeting
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ASHP Joins the National Infusion Collaborative to Advance Safety and Stewardship of Intravenous Medication Use

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Meeting Logistics and Introductions



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Open Mic / Q&A

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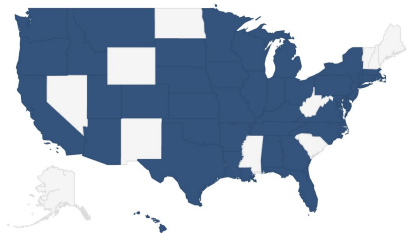
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6/1/24 - 8/31/24



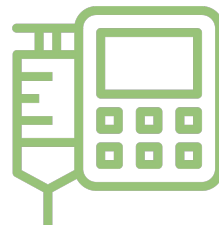
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Hospitals



>40,000

Infusion Pumps



>10 million

Infusion Records



> 643,000

Alerts

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Key Performance Indicators

Compliance

Alert Rate

Override Rate

6/1/24 – 8/31/24

87.9%

6.4%

66%

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Standardize 4 Safety

Implementation

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Michigan Medicine is the medical arm of
the University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

- University Hospital
 - CS Mott Children's Hospital
 - Rogel Cancer Center
 - Frankel Cardiovascular Center
 - Kellogg Eye Center
 - 162 clinics
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- \$1.86 billion in research 2023
 - US News Best Hospital



“We are Better Together”

Medication Safety Team

- Scott Ciarkowski - Manager
- Courtney Doellner - Pediatrics
- Jeff Hurren - Adults
- Christina Seeley - Med Safety Tech



Outline

- Process
- Progress
- Success
- Barriers

You may be ahead, behind,
or right beside us! 😊



Our Process

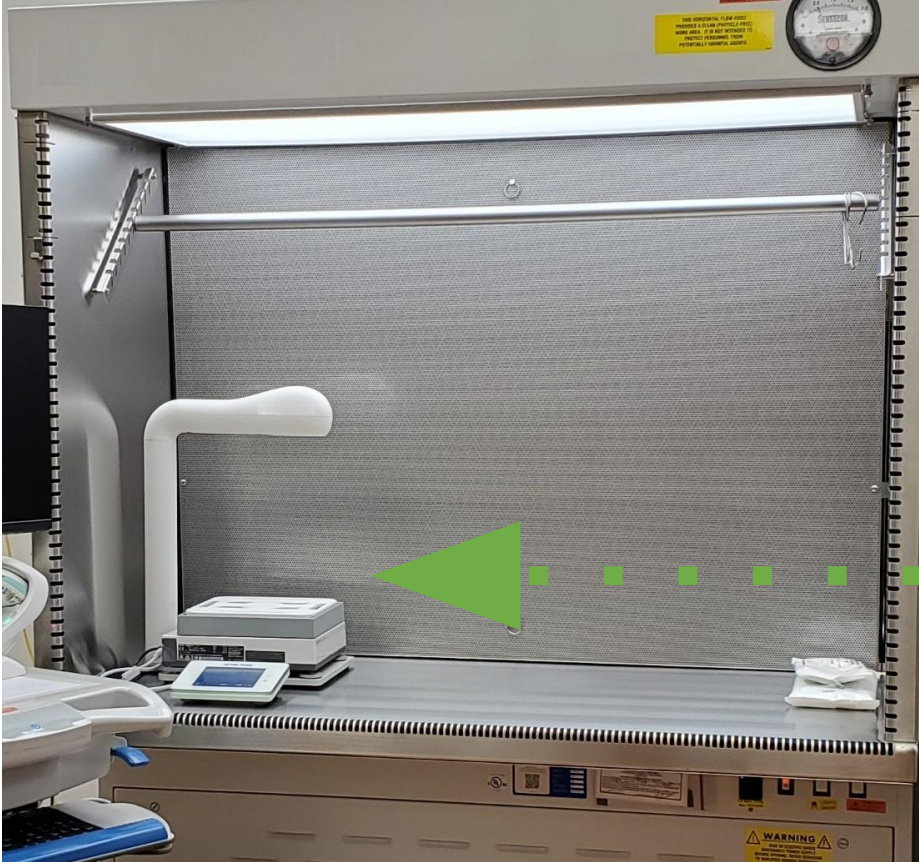
1. Determine current adherence
2. Prioritize meds to focus on
3. Assess options
4. Propose changes
 - Consult with Rx specialists
 - Involved Nursing & Prescribers PRN
 - Focus on Rx operations area managers
5. Work through barriers
6. Implement where possible



Process – Determine Adherence

	Concentrations (mg/mL)					Dosing Units		Other Considerations		
Drug	S4S 1 st	S4S 2 nd	MM 1 st	MM 2 nd	MM 3 rd	S4S	MM	Mfg available	503b available	Min gravimetric volume of 0.4mL?
Furosemide	2	10	1	2.5	10	mg/kg/hr	mg/kg/hr	2 mg/mL: No 10 mg/mL: Yes (*undiluted from vial)	2 mg/mL: No 10 mg/mL: No	2 mg/mL: 0.8 mg 10 mg/mL: 4 mg

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Assessing Options – Dose-weight-rate calculator

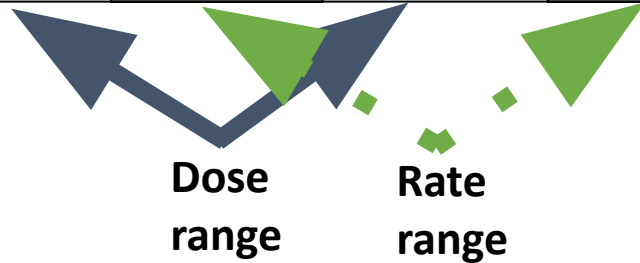
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0.05	0.4	0.05	0.4	1	8	20	50.0	2.5
0.05	1	0.05	1	1	20	20	20.0	1.0
0.05	2.5	0.05	2.5	1	50	20	8.0	0.4
0.05	3	0.05	3	1	60	20	6.7	0.3
0.05	4	0.05	4	1	80	20	5.0	0.3
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Syringe
volume



Duration
range

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Example: EPINEPHrine

PEDIATRIC CONTINUOUS INFUSION STANDARDS

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Drug	Concentration Standards	Dosing units	Commercially available	Concentration vs. unit mismatch	References
EPINEPHrine ¹	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10 mcg/mL²2. 20 mcg/mL3. 40 mcg/mL	mcg/kg/min	No	Possibly, depending on pharmacy or outsourcing facility label	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hook R, Neault A, Scharrer, et.al. Chemical stability of epinephrine 10 mcg/mL diluted in 0.9% sodium chloride and stored in polypropylene syringes at 4 degrees and 25 degrees C. <i>Int J Pharm Compd.</i> 2023;27:347-351.2a. Allwood MD. The stability of four catecholamines in 5% glucose infusions. <i>J Clin Pharm Ther.</i> 1991;16:337-40.2b. VanMatre ET, Ho KC, Lyda C, et.al. Extended Stability of Epinephrine Hydrochloride Injection in Polyvinyl Chloride Bags Stored in Amber Ultraviolet Light-Blocking Bags. <i>Hospital Pharmacy.</i> 2017;52:570-573.3a. Carr RR, Decarie D, EnsomMHH. Stability of Epinephrine at Standard Concentrations. <i>Can J Hosp Pharm.</i> 2014;67:197-202.3b. Peddicord TE, Olsen KM, ZumBrunnen TL, et.al. Stability of high-concentration dopamine hydrochloride, norepinephrine bitartrate, epinephrine hydrochloride and nitroglycerin 5% dextrose injection. <i>Am J Health-Syst Pharm.</i> 1997;54:1417-19.

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10	0.3	0.01	0.018	0.1	0.18	30	1,666.7	166.7
10	1	0.01	0.06	0.1	0.6	30	500.0	50.0
10	9	0.01	0.54	0.1	5.4	30	55.6	5.6
20	10	0.01	0.3	0.1	3	50	166.7	16.7
20	50	0.01	1.5	0.1	15	50	33.3	3.3
20	51	0.01	1.53	0.1	15.3	250	163.4	16.3
20	110	0.01	3.3	0.1	33	250	75.8	7.6

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- Short durations: operational issues - refills & compounding load/risk
- Long durations: opportunity to reduce waste
 - Variable: our org line change frequency is minimum q96 hours

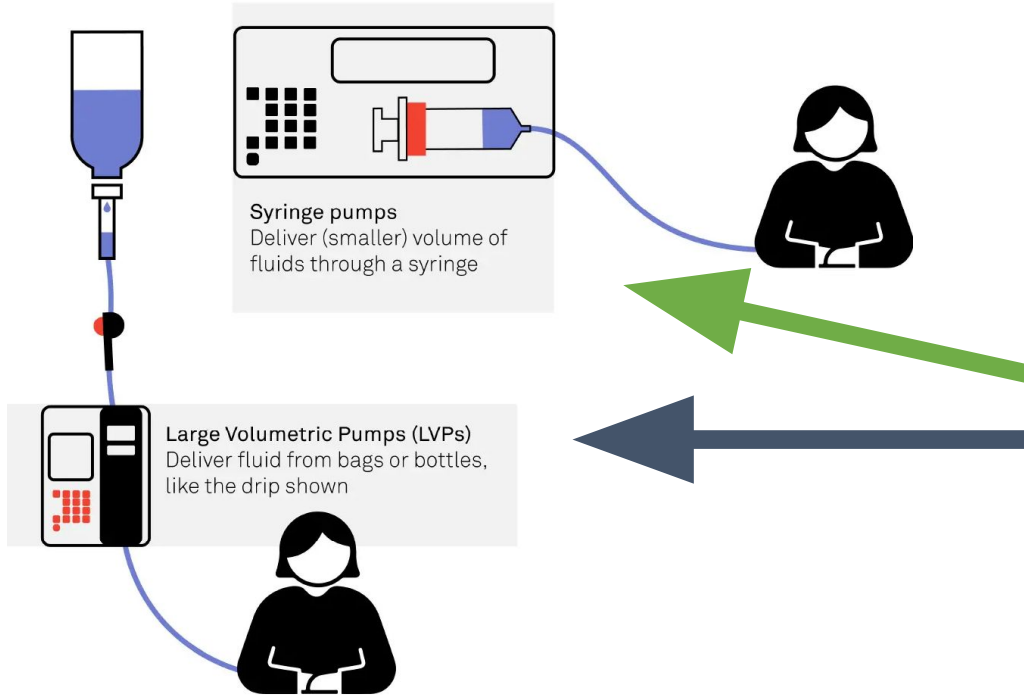
Instructions:

For the following patient weight(s), select the appropriate concentration. Alternative concentrations regardless of weight may be provided below. A diluent (D10W, D5W or NS) can be selected within each order; a default diluent has been pre-selected.

- 1-9 kg = 0.01 mg/mL
- 10-50 kg = 0.02 mg/mL
- >50 kg or >18 years old = 0.02 mg/mL (250 mL bag)

- ☐ EPINEPHrine infusion (0.01 mg/mL) - 1-9 kg
0.01 mg/mL, 0.01-0.1 mcg/kg/min, Intravenous, CONTINUOUS
- ☐ EPINEPHrine infusion (0.02 mg/mL) - 10-50 kg
0.01-0.1 mcg/kg/min, Intravenous, CONTINUOUS
- ☐ EPINEPHrine infusion (0.02 mg/mL - 250 mL bag) - >50 kg or >18 yo
0.01-0.1 mcg/kg/min, Intravenous, CONTINUOUS





Additional Risk Reduction Strategies



- Segregate concentration by infusion modality
- Example: Ketamine
 - 2 mg/mL on **syringe** pump
 - 10 mg/mL on **large volume** pump

Additional Risk Reduction Strategies

- **Standardize concentration across syringe size**
- Align standard presentations & pump library:
pump prompts assist correct programming
- Internal Data:
31% reduction in wrong concentration selection (non-interoperability)

				
Size ⇄	20 mL	30 mL	50 mL	Bag (Volumes > 50 mL)
Drug ⇄	⇄ Concentration ⇄			
DOBUTamine	0.5 mg/mL	1 mg/mL	4 mg/mL	4 mg/mL (250 mL)
DOPamine	1.6 mg/mL	0.5 mg/mL	3.2 mg/mL	1.6 mg/mL (250mL) 3.2 mg/mL (250mL)
EPINEPHrine	0.005 mg/mL * NEWBORN ONLY *	0.01 mg/mL	0.02 mg/mL	0.02 mg/mL (250 mL)
Insulin	0.2 unit/mL	-	1 unit/mL	1 unit/mL (100 mL)
Ketamine	2 mg/mL	-	2 mg/mL	10 mg/mL (100 or 250 mL)
Midazolam	0.1 mg/mL	0.5 mg/mL	1 mg/mL	1 mg/mL (100 mL)
Milrinone	0.2 mg/mL	-	-	0.2 mg/mL (100 mL) 0.5 mg/mL** (250 mL)
Morphine	0.05 mg/mL	0.2 mg/mL	1 mg/mL	1 mg/mL (100 mL)

Challenges - Ketamine

- Ketamine dosing units:
 - 0.05 to 0.25 mg/kg/hour
 - 0.8 to 4.2 mcg/kg/minute
- Anesthesia concern:
 - Decimal place-related dosing errors (e.g., 0.05)
 - Concerns alleviated:
 - Phased implementation - Adult ICUs → Adult ORs → Peds ICUs → Peds ORs
 - Default initial dose in pump
- Similar concern across multiple meds



Challenges - Naloxone

- Naloxone dosing units:
 1. 16 mcg/mL
 2. 40 mcg/mL
- We went from 4 concentrations to S4S Standard 2
- Build complexity
 - Mcg/kg/hour
 - Pediatrics (0.4 mg/25 mL)
 - Pruritus / hyperalgesia (1.6 mg/100 mL)
 - Mg/hour
 - Opioid reversal (10 mg/250 mL)
 - Clonidine overdose (20 mg/500 mL)

Challenges - Naloxone

naloxone (NARCAN) infusions - PEDS

☐ Opioid Reversal: naloxone (NARCAN) 40 mcg/mL high dose infusion

☐ Pruritis or Hyperalgesia (1-50 kg): naloxone (NARCAN) 16 mcg/mL low dose infusion

☐ Pruritis or Hyperalgesia (> 50kg): naloxone (NARCAN) 16 mcg/mL low dose infusion

☐ Clonidine Overdose: naloxone (NARCAN) 40 mcg/mL high dose infusion

Next Required

Accept

Adult and peds mostly shared, except syringe infusions

Challenges - Insulin

- Insulin concentrations:
 1. 0.2 units/mL
 2. 1 units/mL
- Scope increase:
 - Calcium channel blocker / beta-blocker overdose
Protocols developed by Michigan Poison Control Center
 - Pulmonary compromise due to fluid overload at lower concentrations
- Added another concentration = 16 units/mL*



*<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27432286/>

Challenges - Vasopressin

- Vasopressin volumetric rates:
 1. 0.05 units/mL
 2. 0.2 units/mL
 3. 1 units/mL
- Nursing concern for neonates (0.04 units/mL):
 - More dilute due to minimum pump rate 0.1 mL/hr
 - Continuous infusion dispensed syringe sizes 20-50 mL
 - Long-standing org convention to avoid IV push errors

Challenges - Amiodarone

- Amiodarone concentrations:
 1. 1.8 mg/mL
- Multiple considerations
 - Commercially available 150 mg/ 100 mL (1.5 mg/mL)
 - Aligns presentation with typical adult loading dose
 - Smaller size supports more pre-deployment in ADCs
 - Internal data: ↑ venous injury at concentrations over 1.5 mg/mL

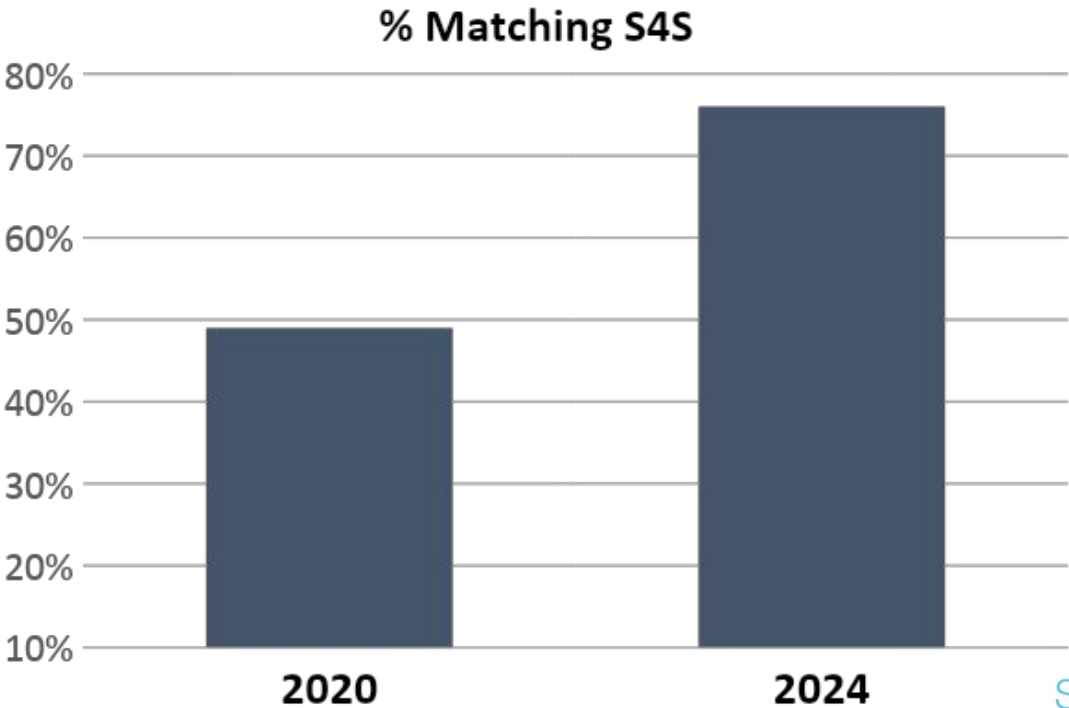


Challenges – Premature Infants

- Success creates new challenges!
- Extremely Low-Birth Weight (ELBW) newborns
 - Definition: under 1,000 grams (2 lbs, 3 oz)
 - Some 300 grams in our org
- Multiple medications affected
 - “Seat of our pants” standards
 - Vasopressors and insulin most commonly affected



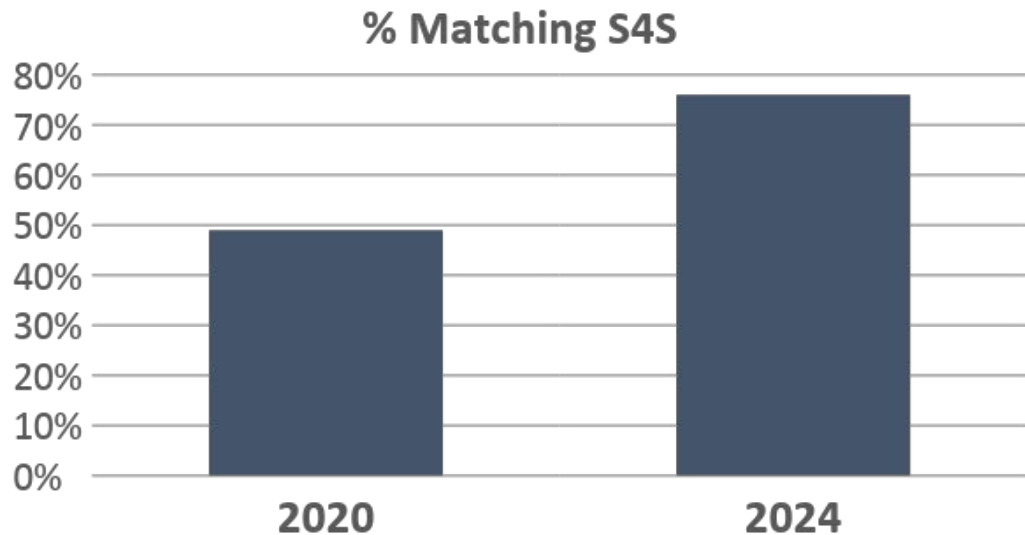
Progress to Date



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Other S4S work ongoing:

- Intermittents
- Orals
- PCA



Progress to Date

Impressions:

- Change is hard
- Patience is harder
- Persistence is key
- Work on 1-2 at a time (unless you can do better!)
- Progress easier when a mfg product available
 - “Chicken or egg – which came first?”

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Standardize 4 Safety

Updates and Future Outlook

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Standardize 4 Safety: Maintaining the Standards

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The Standardize 4 Safety Journey



2018 Adult Continuous Infusion

2018 Oral Compounded Liquids

2020 Pediatric Continuous Infusion

2022 PCA/Epidural Continuous Infusion

2025 Intermittent Infusion

Coming Oral Liquid Rounding

Maintaining the Standards



Advisory Committees

- Adult and pediatric
- Established in 2023
- Composed of members from the Expert Panels renewable 2- or 3-year terms

Meet quarterly

- August, November, February, May
- Updates the 15th of the month following the meeting (Date posted on table)

Charge

- Review implementation and update the S4S concentrations
- Address submitted public questions, comments and recommendations
- Make recommendations to update S4S Standards as appropriate and needed
- Assure the standards reflect current evidence and optimal healthcare practice
- Participate in dissemination and implementation strategies

Standardized 4 Safety Website

Standardize 4 Safety Initiative

Standardize 4 Safety is the first national, interprofessional effort to standardize medication concentrations to reduce errors, especially during transitions of care. Sign up to receive the latest about Standardize 4 Safety.

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www.ashp.org/standardize4safey

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Standardize 4 Safety

ASHP received funding from the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Safe Use Initiative to develop and implement national standardized concentrations for intravenous (IV) and oral liquid medications.

Standardize 4 Safety is the first national, interprofessional effort to standardize medication concentrations to reduce errors, especially during transitions of care. It establishes standardized concentrations for intravenous and oral liquid medications for patients of all ages in settings ranging from hospital to home.

In collaboration with pharmacist, nurse, and physician experts from across the care continuum, ASHP has created several standardized concentration lists. Hospitals and health systems are encouraged to adopt these standardized concentration lists to improve patient safety and decrease medication errors. Additional lists are coming soon. Register to receive Standardize 4 Safety Updates from ASHP.

STANDARDIZE 4 SAFETY

National Standards Lists →

Standardize 4 Safety Resources →

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Maintenance of Standards Information



- **Maintaining the Recommendations**

- Explains the process in greater detail


- **Goal**

- Discusses the purpose of the advisory committees

- **Standardize 4 Safety Advisory Panels: Adult and Pediatric**

- Describe the panel composition, role and terms of service

- **Recommendations for Standardize 4 Safety Lists**



- Any advisory panel member or public stakeholder may make a recommendation to update, add or delete medications, or other changes to the existing standards. The requests may be submitted by completing [this online form](#).

On Line Form – Fields to complete

- Name, Title, E-mail
- Profession
- Organization name and location
- Select the standard you wish to comment on
- Describe the recommendation you wish to make
 - Add/remove a medication
 - Add/remove/replace a concentration for an existing medication
- What site of care is this recommendations intended useThe medication, its concentration, and rationale for the request
- Stability information for any new medication or concentration

In Summary Standardize 4 Safety



Improve safety of patients who receive these medications

- Less variability
- Safer transitions
- Incentivize pre-made products

Attain a national standard where the standards concentrations are ordered, compounded and administered majority of the time.

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Questions?

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