

Patient Safety Improvement Project

Prevention of Adverse Medication Events: Medication Reconciliation

Patient Safety Collaboration: The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is a nation-wide non-profit organization with the goal to improve patient safety. TVHD has joined the IHI Campaign for the second year to improve patient safety.

What is Medication Reconciliation? Medication Reconciliation is a process of identifying the most accurate list of every medication a patient is taking — including name, dosage, frequency, route and reason for taking the medication — Having a complete and accurate list of medications helps eliminate possible drug interactions, and assures the correct medications are administered, including the correct dose. Medications are reconciled on admission, when the patient is transferred and at discharge.

For the reconciliation process to be effective it is very important for you to bring in all of your medications with labels or a complete list of medications. This includes all over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Be sure to ask for your FREE Medication card to carry in your purse/wallet. Complete the card and keep with you for every visit to the doctor and the hospital.



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