

HIERARCHY OF EFFECTIVENESS

SYSTEM-Based

High Leverage

MOST EFFECTIVE

Forcing functions and constraints

(e.g., removal of a product from use)

Automation or computerization

(e.g., automated patient-specific dispensing)

Medium Leverage

MODERATELY EFFECTIVE

Simplification and standardization

(e.g., standardized paper or electronic order sets)

Low Leverage

LEAST EFFECTIVE

Rules and policies

(e.g., policies to prohibit borrowing doses from other areas)

Education and information

(e.g., education sessions on high-alert medications)

Reminders, checklists, double checks

(e.g., independent double checks for high-alert medications)

PERSON-Based



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