



National Incident Data Repository

Safety Brief

Manitoba Data

from community pharmacies

Reporting period: October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

1,348 reports received

Stages of Medication-Use Process

Prescription preparation/dispensing	846
Prescription order entry	602
Prescribing	76
Administration	63
Monitoring/follow-up	24

"Not applicable" was reported in 182 incidents

Types of Incidents (including near misses) (Top 5)

Incorrect drug	232
Incorrect dose/frequency	230
Incorrect quantity	156
Incorrect strength/concentration	154
Incorrect patient	131

The error type "Other" was reported in 242 incidents

Reported Levels of Harm

Near miss (e.g., no error)	369
No harm	876
Mild harm	96
Moderate harm	6
Severe harm	1
Death	0

National Learning

Manitoba community pharmacies contribute to national learning and safety initiatives that incorporate learning from reported medication incidents and suggest system safeguards to prevent patient harm.

A selected focus for this safety brief is incidents associated with medication management in the community following **hospital discharge**. In Manitoba, within this subset of reports (n=17), incorrect dose/frequency and incorrect drug were the top 2 types of incidents.



The following tips may help optimize safe transition of care following hospital discharge:

SAFETY TIP: Conduct a comprehensive medication review with the patient (or caregiver) after hospital discharge.

- In addition to the patient/caregiver, consult the hospital discharge summary and prescription list as key sources of medication information.
- Identify discontinued medications, changes in medication doses, and new medications, and update the patient record accordingly.
- Clarify any unclear prescriptions with a hospital team member (e.g., pharmacist).
- Incorporate an independent double check, or a delayed self-check, to minimize confirmation bias.

A key component of ISMP Canada data analysis is a review of the incident descriptions. The efforts by reporters to provide information that helps identify emerging issues and shared learning opportunities are gratefully acknowledged.

Additional safety recommendations can be found in ISMP Canada Safety Bulletins: <https://ismpcanada.ca/safety-bulletins/>

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More than 11,400 reports of medication incidents have been submitted to the National Incident Data Repository for Community Pharmacies (NIDR) from Manitoba since 2017.

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