



National Incident Data Repository

Safety Brief

New Brunswick Data

from community pharmacies

Reporting period: October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

1,945 reports received

Medication System Stage(s) Involved

Prescription preparation/dispensing	1,151
Prescription order entry	1,127
Prescribing	137
Administration	76
Monitoring/follow-up	8

"Not applicable" was reported in 170 incidents

Top 5 Types of Incidents (including near misses)

Incorrect dose/frequency	335
Incorrect drug	255
Incorrect quantity	248
Incorrect strength/concentration	205
Incorrect patient	140

The error type "Other" was reported in 394 incidents

Reported Degree of Harm to Patient

Near miss (e.g., no error)	680
No harm	1,191
Mild harm	67
Moderate harm	6
Severe harm	0
Death	1

Note: Values reflect data submitted by platform providers within this reporting period.

National Learning

New Brunswick community pharmacies contribute to improvement initiatives to advance patient safety. Reporting of incidents, including near misses, reflects a commitment to a growing culture of safety in Canada.

A selected focus for this safety brief is recurring reports involving multiple prescription entries in the dispensing software to complete a treatment regimen (e.g., multiple strengths of a single medication or multiple medications for complementary effect).



The following tips can help to minimize these types of incidents:

SAFETY TIP: If using the "copy" function during order entry for medications that may require multiple strengths, conduct a full profile review to ensure no new prescriptions have been missed and no previous prescriptions remain active.

- **Example:** Multiple prescriptions of different strengths are used for prednisone tapering regimens

SAFETY TIP: Require that a pharmacy professional consult the original prescription during a final check to confirm that all prescribed medications have been entered and dispensed, particularly those intended to be used together.

- **Example:** Multiple prescriptions for complementary effect are used for fertility (and other hormone) treatment

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 19,200 reports of medication incidents have been submitted to the National Incident Data Repository for Community Pharmacies (NIDR) from New Brunswick since 2015.

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