

5 Good Reasons to Share Your Medication History



Decrease Calls to the Pharmacy

A more complete medication history will reduce the numbers of calls from the hospital seeking a patient's information. In fact, 80% of medication errors stem from communication issues.¹



Reduce Medication Reconciliation Time

Our MedHx customers have seen a dramatic improvement in medication reconciliation time, from a previous average of 40 minutes down to around 10 minutes or less. This results in faster intake and more time spent with the patients.



Improve Patient Outcomes

By providing your pharmacy's medication history, you will be positively impacting your patients both during and after a hospitalization.



Eliminate Duplicate Scripts

This will reduce duplicate prescriptions from being presented to your pharmacy resulting in less confusion, insurance denials, and costly ordering of unnecessary medications.



Prevent Opioid Abuse

When providers check a patient's drug history, the risk of opioid abuse is reduced.³

The Evidence is In

There are many ways that providing medication history will improve your experience at the pharmacy including helping to reduce interruptions to your workflow while ensuring that a proper medication history is available to providers.

Recently, when pharmacies shared patient medication history with a healthcare organization, patients benefited through a 50% decrease in adverse drug events, a 16% decrease in hospital readmission rates, and an increase in efficiency.²

Finally, because providers can quickly view a patient's medication history, they will no longer write new scripts for a medication a patient is already taking.

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