



Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention

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Medication Errors can be devastating for both you and the patient. Knowing the causes of medication errors and near misses can help you detect and prevent them from happening. When a medication error does occur, a systems approach, as opposed to blaming the nurse, is used to determine the causes of the error. That's why reporting medication errors is so important—it promotes a culture of safety and helps prevent future errors.

Who Should Take This Course

The focus of the course is on nurses working in acute and long-term care settings, but the content is applicable to nurses working in any setting.

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Define

medication error and near miss.

List

the common causes of medication errors.

Explain

strategies to prevent medication errors.

Discuss

the consequences of medication errors.

Apply

elements of root cause analysis.



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