



National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention

Council Communiqué

Meeting Date

WebEx: January 19, 2012; 1:00pm ~ 3:00pm ET

Member Organizations and Individual Members Participating (in Bold)**AARP**American Academy of Physicians Assistants
American College of Physicians Foundation**American Geriatrics Society**

American Hospital Association

American Medical Association

American Nurses Association

American Pharmacists Association**American Society for HealthCare Risk Managers****American Society of Consultant Pharmacists**

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation**Department of Defense**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Food & Drug Administration

Generic Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association

Institute for Healthcare Improvement**Institute for Safe Medication Practices****The Joint Commission****National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations****National Association of State Boards of Pharmacy**

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

National Council on Patient Information and Education**National Patient Safety Foundation**

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Society of Hospital Medicine**United States Pharmacopeia****Individual Members****Diane D. Cousins****Rita Munley Gallagher****Deborah M. Nadzam****Discussion Items**

1. Approval of October 2011 meeting summary
2. Approval of agenda
3. Goals from 2009 survey discussed and evaluated by council members.
4. Membership renewals addressed.
5. Criminalization Statement revisions approved.
6. "Quick Refill" statement being reviewed by subcommittee for additional content changes.
7. Support of Partnership for Patients addressed.
8. Ms. Kupka from The Joint Commission presented a follow up survey on use of suffixes

Action Items *Actions/Decisions are those of the Council as a whole and may not reflect the views/positions of individual member organizations.*

1. Ms. Shah and Mr. Federico presented the goals for the next two years: increasing the Council's visibility and advancing efforts to improve medication safety by encouraging adoption of the NCC MERP Taxonomy. Goals proposed in a 2009 survey of members were reviewed and methods to identify priority goals established. Suggestion made to link to the CMS initiative: Partnership for Patients.
2. Agreement that the revisions to the Criminalization Statement did not change the intent of the statement and were approved. The revisions to the statement will replace the version currently on the NCC MERP website.
3. Subcommittee on "Quick Refill Statement" continues to collect data to support the 'statement Subcommittee members seek supporting data. ISMP conducting survey due late February 2012.
4. Several members of the Council will be participating in a Technical Expert Panel on medication safety measures sponsored by CMS. Participants will provide feedback during the next meeting.
5. The Council discussed how to support the Partnership for Patients. It was agreed to offer NCC MERP website content to the P4P content developers.
6. The Joint Commission is preparing to re-survey use of medication name suffixes. A number of recommendations were developed to minimize the opportunities for errors associated with mix-up of drug name suffixes. The Council agreed to support the survey and interested members should contact nkupka@jointcommission.org.
7. CDC has developed a program to protect children from accidental overdoses. Information is available on the following website: www.upandaway.org. There is an alert describing the harm that can result from the re-use of insulin pens. This is part of a larger discussion of re-use of single dose vials.

Next Meeting Dates

Webinar: April 25, 2012 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm ET

Face-to-Face: July 12, 2012 – 10:00am – 4:00pm ET