



# National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention

## Council Communiqué

**Meeting Date**

WebEx: April 25, 2012; 1:00pm - 3:00pm EDT

**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 &amp; 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 January 19, 2012 meeting summary.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. NAN Alert presented by Michael Cohen of ISMP- Press Release and branding for NAN Alerts.
4. Statement on NCC MERP Website to address the breath of position statements
5. New delegates from GPhA and AAPA introduced, alternate from ANA introduced.
6. Outreach to AHA and PhRMA for meeting representation.
7. ADR Categorization Index
8. TJC funding for Medication Use Measures
9. "Quick Refill" statement being reviewed,
10. Pharmacy work hours and use of coupons in pharmacies to entice customers to switch pharmacies
11. ISMP survey will be ready by next meeting date.
12. Partnership for Patients.
13. Survey of possible work products for next year and possible inclusion of statement on 30 minute rule

**Action Items:**

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

- A. Meeting summary for January 19, 2012 and agenda approved.
- B. National Alert Network alert on the death of a child from a fentanyl patch presented by Michael Cohen of ISMP. NAN Alerts are posted on the NCC MERP website and sent to all member organizations for dissemination.
- C. It was decided that the NCC MERP website should contain a disclaimer regarding the Council's position on its statements and recommendations.
- D. David Gaugh (GPhA, and Marie-Michele Leger (AAPS) were introduced as new delegates and Dr. Roberts (ANA) was introduced as an alternate delegate. Tom Clark was recognized for his past efforts as the delegate to the American Society of Consultant Pharmacist as he leaves ASCP.
- E. AHA and PhRMA will receive letters from the secretariat to verify their organizations continued participation.
- F. Dr. Nadzam volunteered to address the possible creation of an index for categorizing adverse drug reactions. She will ask for input from all members in this effort.
- G. Mr. Federico will address possible funding for medication use measures from The Joint Commission and determine next steps.
- H. A statement regarding the issue of advertisements suggesting "Quick Refills" is being reviewed by Michael Gaunt and will be discussed at the July meeting.
- I. The issues of long work hours for pharmacists and other healthcare practitioners was discussed and noted as a problem possibly causing more medication errors. Ms. Russell will review laws in various states governing this practice of 12 hour shifts and longer. The use of coupons in pharmacies to entice customers to switch pharmacies was mentioned but not action noted at this time.
- J. Michael Gaunt will report on the ISMP survey at the July meeting.
- K. Partnerships for Patients is an ongoing effort and many of the NCC MERP members are active participants. News from various organizations participating were encouraged by Mr. Federico.
- L. The survey of possible work products will be recirculated prior to the July meeting for discussion and decisions on new projects for NCC MERP. The CMS "30 minute rule" should be considered as a possible topic.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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**Next Meeting Date**

Face-to-Face: Thursday, July 12, 2012 – 10:00am – 3:30pm EDT