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Required Organizational Practice (ROP) of the Month

MEDICATION RECONCILIATION AS A STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- The **Required Organizational Practice (ROP)** for **Medication Reconciliation as a Strategic Priority** states a documented and coordinated medication reconciliation process is used to communicate complete and accurate information about medications across care transitions.
- This ROP is part of **Leadership Standards**.
- **Medication Reconciliation (Med Rec)** is a three-step process, whereby the team (e.g., pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, physicians, nurses):
 - 1) Works in partnership with clients and families to generate a **Best Possible Medication History (BPMH)**
 - 2) Identifies and resolves medication discrepancies
 - 3) Communicates a complete and accurate list of medications to the client and their next care provider.

Medication Reconciliation is recognized as an important safety initiative by the World Health Organization.

AT HEALTH PEI:

- The **Provincial Medication Reconciliation Steering Committee** includes representation from Nursing, Pharmacy, Physicians, Clinical Informatics, Quality and Patient Safety, Health Analytics and a Patient/Family Partner. The committee's purpose is to provide leadership and coordination in establishing and maintaining standardized medication reconciliation practices across Health PEI.
- The committee coordinates the **standardization of med rec practices** across Health PEI, currently focusing on **med rec** in acute care.
- The committee monitors **medication reconciliation** compliance and drives continuous improvement by implementing and recommending changes as needed.
- **Med Rec** policies for each care area are available on PDMS/Medworxx.
- Work is underway to create one provincial policy that guides all programs/services in **med rec** to ensure that accurate lists of medications at care transitions are communicated.

Questions Surveyors May Ask Staff:

How is medication reconciliation completed in your area?

Are you aware of any audit data related to Med Rec? Can you show me where to find that data?

What training/education did you receive on medication reconciliation?