

# ACCREDITATION

## 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?