



Accreditation: ROP of the Week

Required Organizational Practice: Medication Reconciliation as a Strategic Priority

WHAT IS MEDICATION RECONCILIATION AS A STRATEGIC PRIORITY?

- **Medication Reconciliation (Med Rec)** is a structured process where healthcare provider's partner with patient/clients/residents, families and other caregivers for the accurate and complete transfer of medication information at transitions of care (i.e. admission, transfer and discharge).
- As Med Rec requires the **involvement and support** from all levels of the organization and a variety of disciplines, the organization must make Med Rec a strategic priority.

Also check out the *ROP of the Week: Medication Reconciliation at Care Transitions* for more info

AT HEALTH PEI:

- There is a newly revitalized **Medication Reconciliation Steering Committee**. The purpose of this Committee is to **provide leadership and coordination in establishing and maintaining standardized med rec practices** across Health PEI.
- The Committee is co-chaired by the Director of Pharmacy Services and a physician.
- The Med Rec Steering Committee is tackling **improving and standardizing med rec practices in a phased approach**. Phase 1 focuses on med rec in acute care and includes representation from nursing, pharmacy, physicians, Clinical Informatics, Quality and Risk, and Health Analytics.
- The committee will **monitor compliance** with med rec with recommendations being identified and implemented as needed.

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

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

What are the benefits of medication reconciliation?

What are the three transition points where Med Rec should be performed?