

“A Multifaceted Approach to Reducing Medication Errors”

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THE PROBLEM

- Medication errors kill 7,000 inpatients annually



- Nurses “last line of defense” between patients and medication errors

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THE SOLUTION

- Nurses' safety processes
- Supportive nursing work environment
- Higher RN staffing levels
- Fewer nurse interruptions
- Computerized Physician Order Entry



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STAKEHOLDERS



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FACILITATORS and BARRIERS

- **Facilitators:**
Research / Hospital Collaborative
- **Barriers:**
Business case for safety

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NEXT STEPS

- Complete business case for medication safety
- Hospital partners implement “best practices”
- 10-step program to better nursing work environment

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ADVICE TO FUNDERS

- Fund 10-step intervention program to improve nursing work environment

- Encourage grantees to include “end users” as equal partners from design to translation

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