



**NCC MERP Meeting
November 10, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Matthew Grissinger (ISMP), Chair; Nakia Eldridge (USP), Secretariat; Donna Bohannon (USP); James McSpadden (AARP); Myong-Jim Kim (ACCP); Krista Levy (ACCP); Emily Peron (AGS); Holly Carpenter (ANA); Mary Ann Kliethermes (ASHP); Scott Kuzner (AAM); Stephanie Pastewait (DoD); Jo Wyeth (FDA); Britney Pierre (IHI); Bob Feroli (MSOS); Eileen Lewalski (NABP); Rita Munley Gallagher; Rita Brueckner (VA)

Observers: Anum Saqib (USP pharmacy student)

Opening, Procedural, and Administrative Matters

Mr. Grissinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everybody to the call. Dr. Eldridge called roll. The summary of the previous meeting was reviewed, approved unanimously. A moment of silence was held for Debbie Melnyck's daughter, Christine Blackburn, the NCC MERP patient representative, who recently passed away.

Recommendations / Statements Updates

Mr. Grissinger shared with the council that the comments for the three recommendations/statements have been collected and reviewed.

1. *Promoting the Safe Use of Suffixes in Prescription Drug Names*
2. *Recommendation to Enhance Accuracy of Administration of Medications*
3. *Recommendations for Healthcare Organizations to Reduce Medication Errors Associated with the Label*

The final drafted version will be sent out to the council for remote voting followed by a website update.

The next set of recommendations for review will be:

1. *Statement in Medication Error Rates*
2. *Recommendations to Reduce Medication Errors in Non-Healthcare Settings*

Future Topic Discussions

The council discussed several topics for future discussion including:

- Medication regimens being changed for cost
- Ambulatory related topics
 - Adverse event with ambulatory medication (e.g. duplicate therapy)
 - Dispensing of sample medications in the outpatient setting without labels
 - Medication ordering errors in ambulatory settings
 - Medication substitution medication errors

In discussing ambulatory related future topics, several organizations shared resources that could contribute to the dialogue around this topic including AMA's position paper on the advertising leading to patient harm, AAM's resources on rebates impact on medication safety, and ISMP's medication safety white paper on the medication use process.

Closing

Meeting adjourned.