



## **Medication Error Reporting and Prevention Council Issues Recommendations for Senior Leadership to Advance Medication Safety**

**Rockville, Md., March 13, 2020** — The National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCC MERP/The Council) has released, “*Recommendations for Senior Leadership to Advance Medication Safety*,” that addresses steps to advance the safety and quality of care provided to patients within the leadership team.

The Council recognizes the responsibilities of the executive team in healthcare organizations in determining its mission and vision, maintaining financial stability, and assessing the performance of upper-level directors and management throughout the organization. By establishing and maintaining safety as a core value of the organization, senior leaders convey its significance to middle-level leaders (e.g., managers, directors), clinical leaders, and frontline employees, demonstrating a collective accountability all members of the organization have to achieve safe patient outcomes.

However, the Council acknowledges that simply stating that safety is a core value of the organization is not enough to attain a safe and reliable environment. Because of this, support from senior leadership is a key ingredient in the adoption and sustainment of safety initiatives. Therefore, the Council summarizes ten (10) recommendations that focus on ways for leadership to consistently demonstrate the core value of safety during everyday opportunities.

For a copy of “Recommendations for Senior Leadership to Advance Medication Safety” please visit the NCC MERP website at <https://www.nccmerp.org/recommendations-senior-leadership-advance-medication-safety>.