ELIMINATE HARM ACROSS THE BOARD

Days Since Last ADE

ADVERSE DRUG EVENTS (ADEs) PREVENTION:

- ❑ Identify "look-alike, sound-alike" medications and create a mechanism to reduce errors (e.g., different locations, labels, alternate packaging)
- ❑ Standardize concentrations and minimize dosing options where feasible
- ❑ Set dosing limits for insulin and narcotics
- ❑ Use low-molecular-weight heparin or other agents instead of unfractionated heparin whenever clinically appropriate
- ❑ Use alerts to avoid multiple prescriptions of narcotics/sedatives
- ❑ Require new insulin orders when patient is transitioned from parenteral to enteral nutrition
- ❑ Reduce sliding scale variation (or eliminate sliding scales)
- ❑ Minimize or eliminate pharmacist or nurse distraction during the medication fulfillment/administration process
- ❑ Use data/information from alerts and overrides to redesign standardized processes
- ❑ Coordinate meal and insulin times

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