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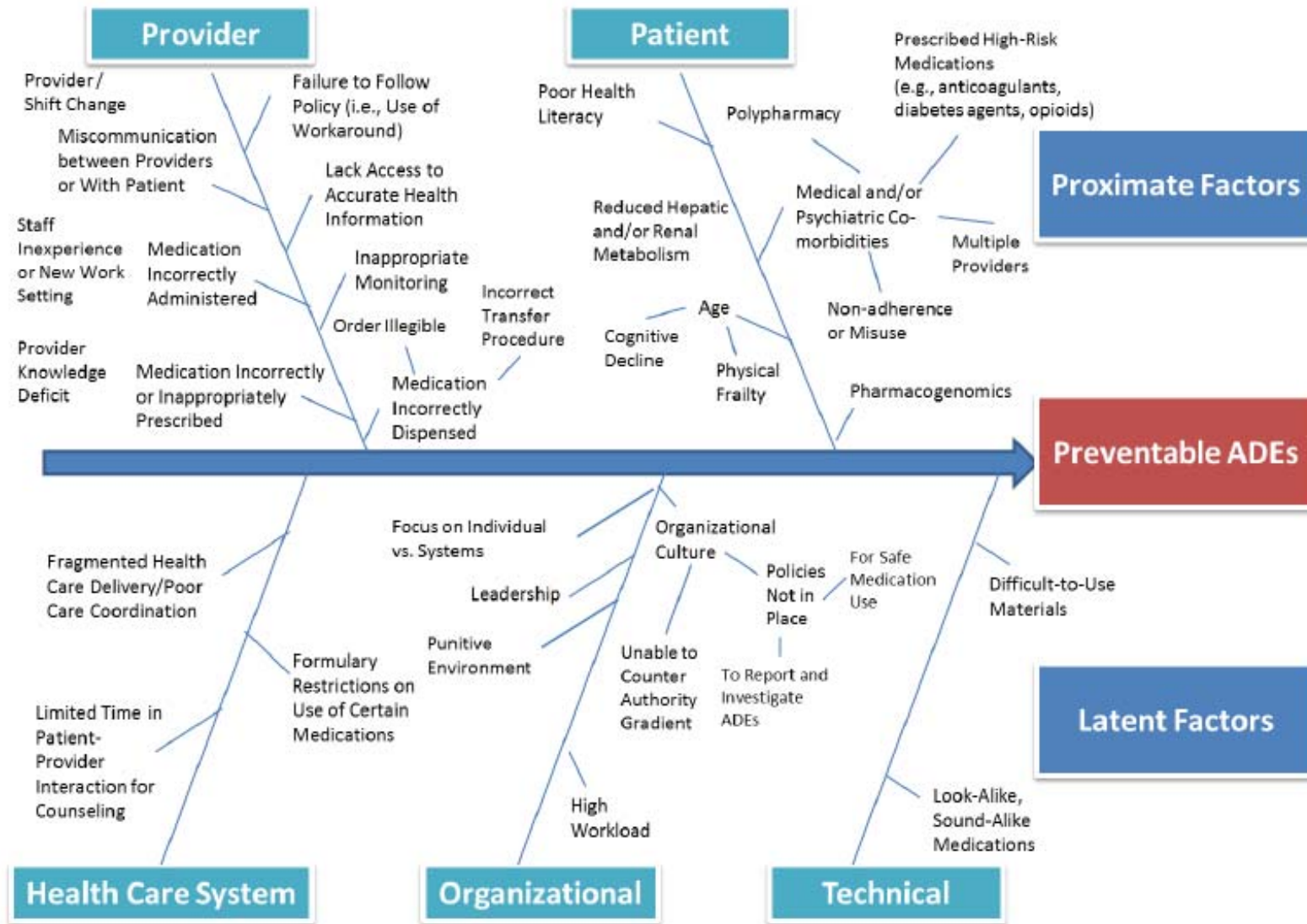
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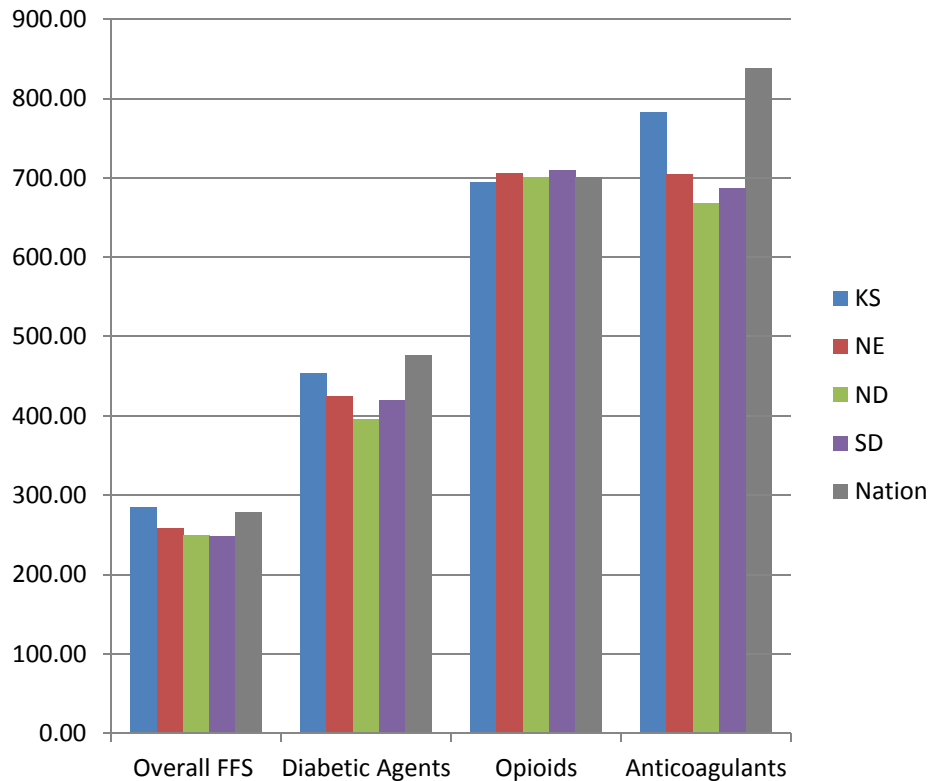
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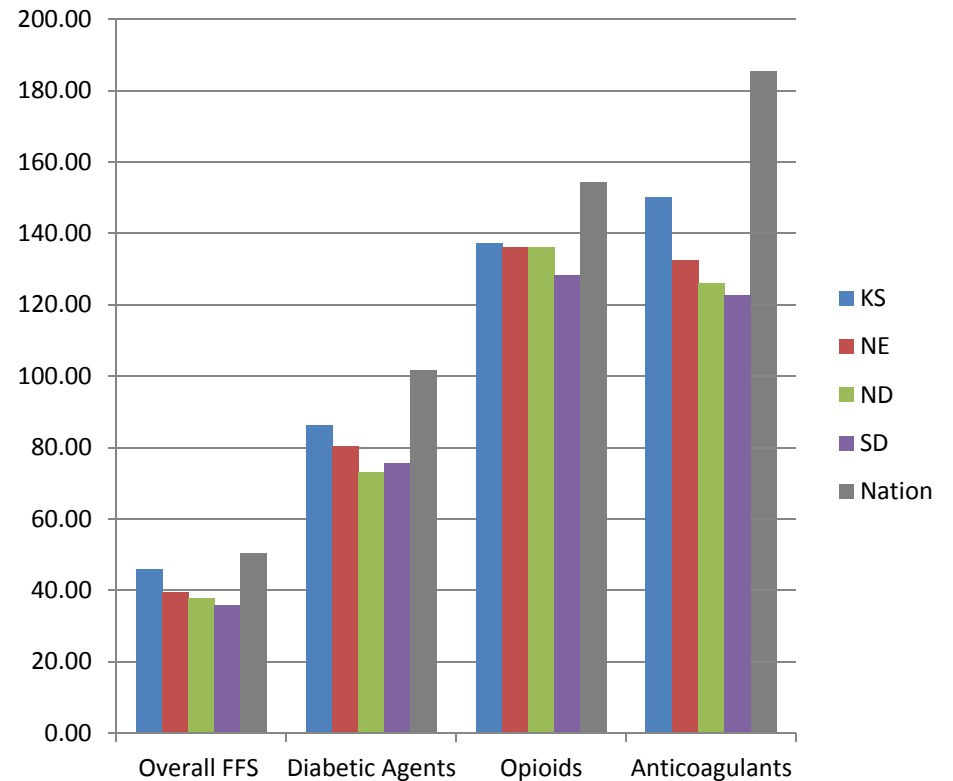
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# Medication Safety

**Admissions per 1,000 HRM Consumers**



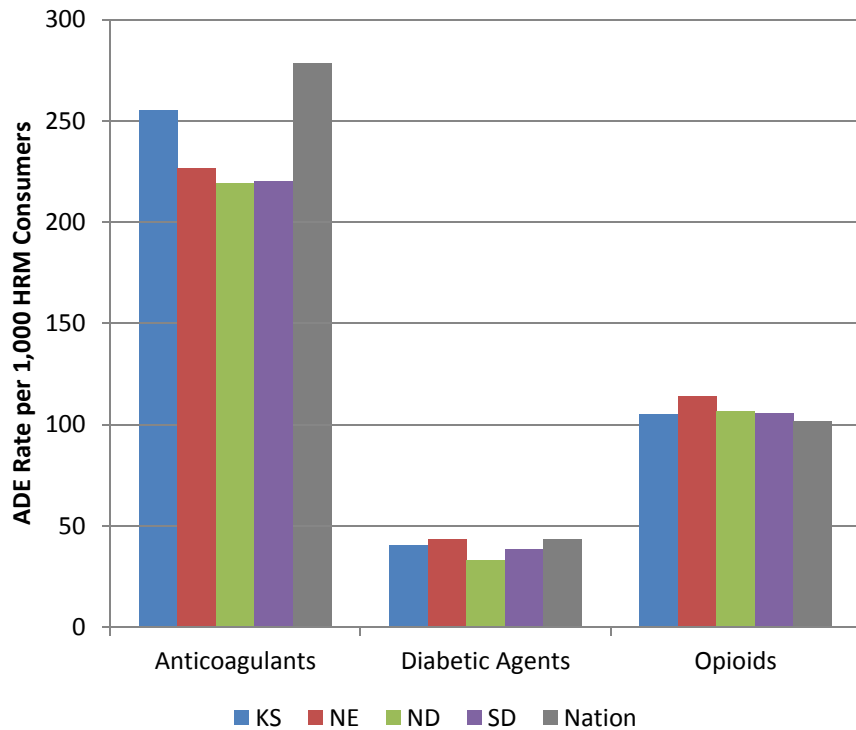
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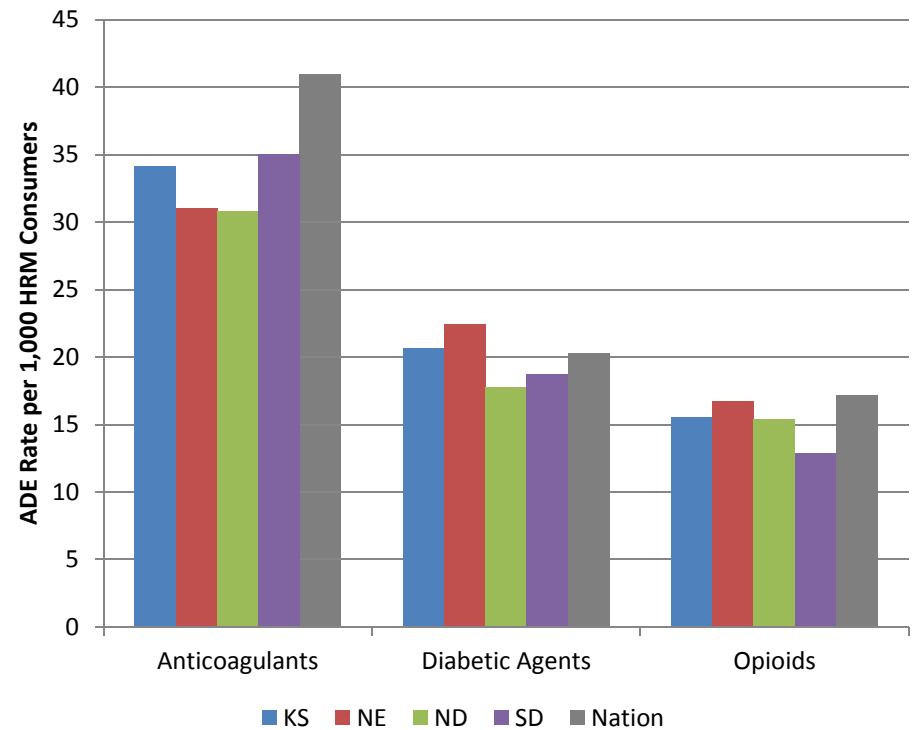
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# Medication Safety

**Probable ADE Rate  
Any Diagnosis Code**

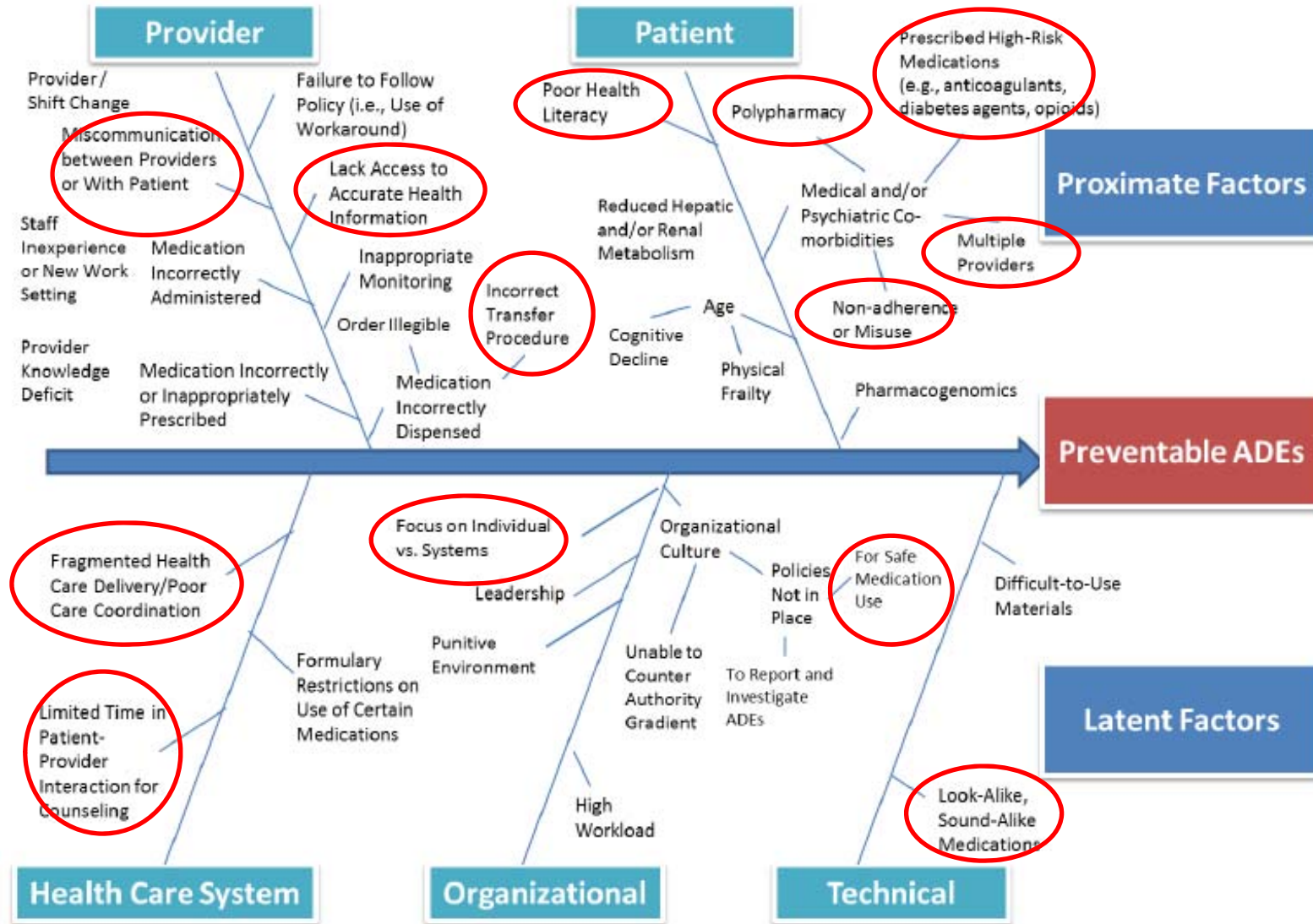


**Probable ADE Rate  
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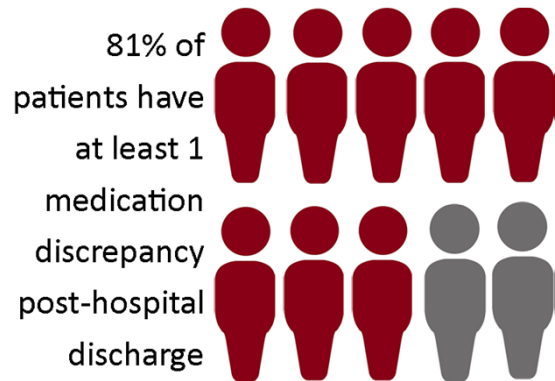
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# Medication Safety and Care Coordination

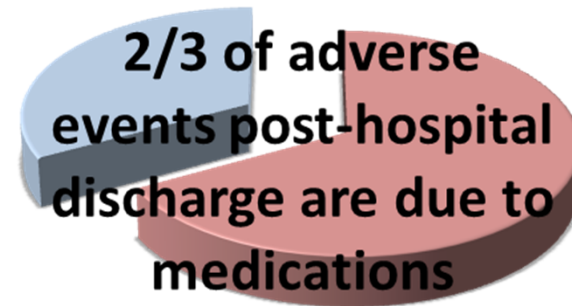
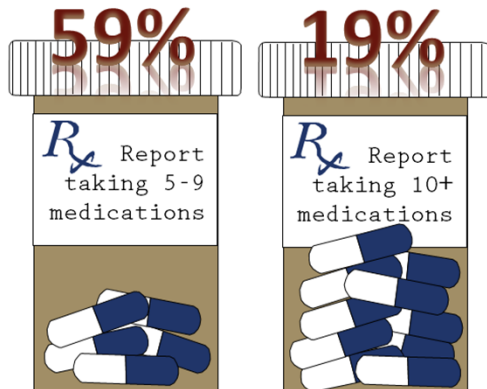


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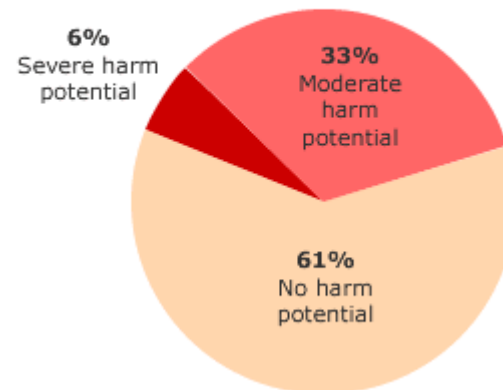
# Medication Safety and Care Coordination



Of adults 65 and older ...



More than half of patients have ≥ 1 unintended medication discrepancy at hospital admission



Sources: [National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event Prevention](#)

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# Community Discharge Medication List Program

Carrington, ND

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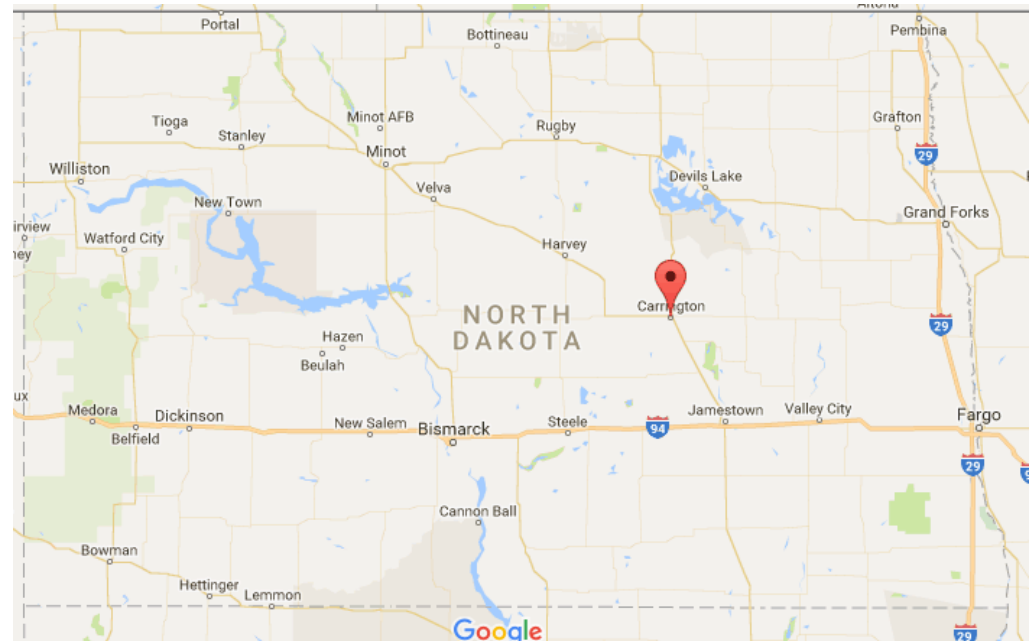
# Community Discharge Medication List Program



- Goal of program:
  - Create the opportunity for the patient, clinic, hospital and pharmacy to have an identical medication list at time of discharge in our community

# Community

- Carrington, ND
  - Population: 2,065
  - County Seat
  - Service areas include portions of 4 counties



# Community

- CHI St Alexius Health Carrington Medical Center
  - Critical Access Hospital
  - Attached clinic, ER, Same Day Care Center
  - Another clinic 15 miles north in New Rockford
  - Meditech EHR in hospital/ER
  - Allscripts AEHR in clinics



# Community

- Three Independent Community Pharmacies
  - Carrington Drug
  - Central Pharmacy Carrington
  - Central Pharmacy New Rockford



# Program Design – Hospital and Clinic

- Began in October 2015
- Patient discharge medication list created in hospital at discharge includes
  - Drug name (brand and generic)
  - Directions for use
  - Indication
- Copy created for hospital pharmacy and clinic
- Clinic staff reviews list and enters and changes into the AEHR prior to patient's post-discharge clinic visit

# Program Design – Community Pharmacy

- With patient permission, hospital sends copy of medication list to designated local pharmacy
- Community pharmacy
  - Reviews list for changes
  - Contacts patient to provide counseling or re-labeling services, offer in-person visit
    - Standing order from local providers allows local pharmacies to provide updated labeling in certain circumstances for discharge dose change
  - Fills out tracking form

# Data Collection



- 19 data fields tracked by hospital pharmacy
- 9 data fields tracked by community pharmacy

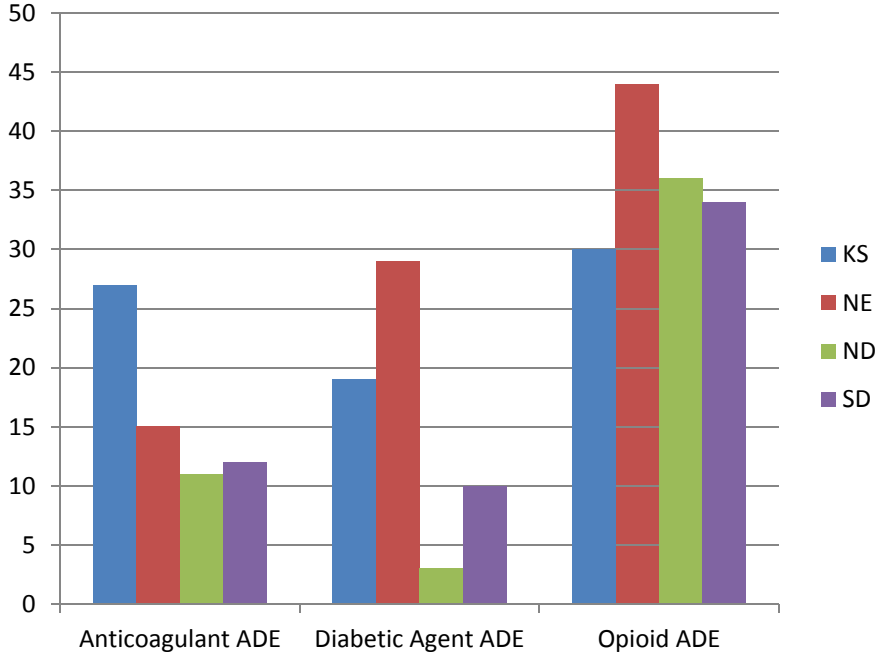
# Challenges

- Pharmacy tracking forms needed several adjustments over first months – **PDSA!**
- Hospital staff turnover – Unaware of procedures
- Incomplete form from hospital staff
- Medication list not shared with local pharmacy
- Irregular hospital pharmacist engagement in hospital admission/discharge medication reconciliation

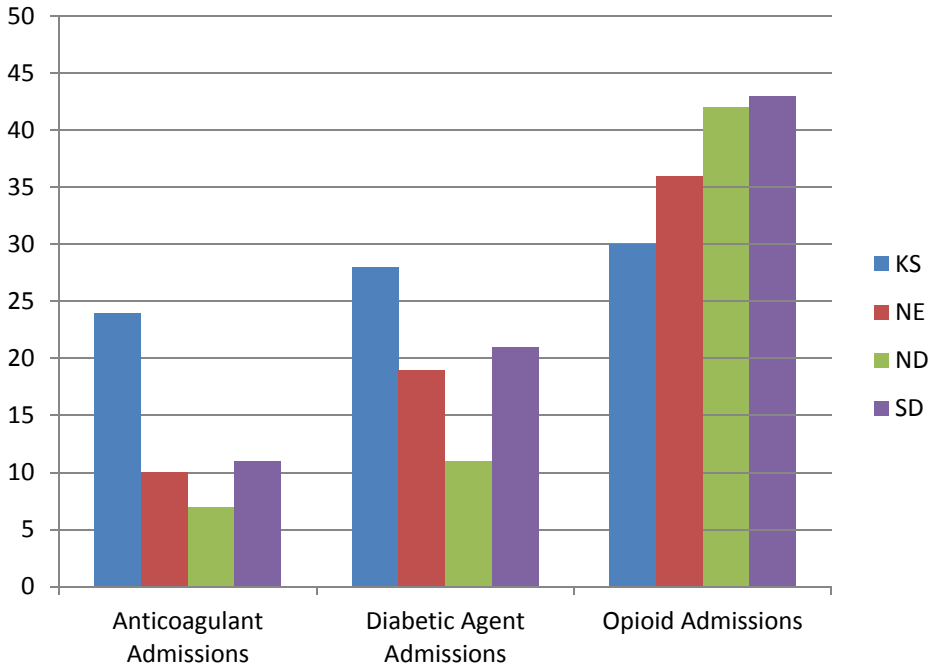


# Opioid Safety

**HRM ADE State Ranks**  
(lower is better)



**HRM Hospital Admission State Ranks**  
(lower is better)



Source: QIN-QIO National Coordinating Center based on 2013 Medicare Part A & D claims




# Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

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Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) continue to be among the most promising state-level interventions to improve opioid prescribing, inform clinical practice, and protect patients at risk.



# SD PDMP History and General Information

The SD Prescription Drug Monitoring Program was established by the State Legislature in 2010 (SDCL 34-20E) to improve patient care and to reduce diversion of dangerous drugs; operations began in March 2012 with data submitted retroactive to July 2011

## PDMP Program Highlights

- Dispensers “must” submit reports at least weekly to the database – with the exception of federal facilities (VA, AFB, IHS) – which are not required to submit, although IHS and VA do submit
- Reports generated are tools in prescribers’ and dispensers’ practices to “improve patient care” and to aid prescribers, dispensers and law enforcement in preventing and detecting illicit use of prescription controlled drugs
- Overarching “Ultimate Goal” – Prevent overdose deaths due to prescription drugs while preserving access for those in need of narcotic pain relievers and other controlled substances

# Integration—The Future of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

- A solution via health IT for the underutilization of the considerable, important data collected by PDMPs
- Integration of PDMP data into health system electronic health records (EHR) and pharmacy software systems
  - Addresses a major concern of prescribers and pharmacists which is accessing the PDMP requires additional steps that are not in the clinical workflow
  - Integration benefits include:
    - Immediate improvement in the patient care process
    - User workflows are streamlined and improved
    - Pharmacist and prescriber satisfaction are highest when technology automates the majority of workflow tasks

# SD PDMP/Avera Meditech Integration

SD PDMP Approved Users November 2016	AWARxE Account Users	Percentage	AWARxE Acct Users PLUS Avera Integration Users	Percentage
Pharmacists	1071	86%	1147	92%
Prescribers*	1456	35%	2528	60%

\*MD, DO, DPM, CNP, APRN, PA

# Medication Safety in Long Term Care

- 2014 OIG Report



Source: Adverse Events in SNFs: National Incidence among Medicare Beneficiaries, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General report OEI-06-11-00370. Last accessed 1/16/2017 at <https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-06-11-00370.pdf>



# Enhancing Medication Safety in the Long-Term Care Setting

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# What's Happening Right Now?

- ▶ Acuity is increasing in the long-term care facility setting
  - ▶ Patient health needs are becoming more complex
  - ▶ Patients are discharging in a more fragile state
- ▶ Lacking/Non-existent medication reconciliation processes
- ▶ Trying to stay ahead of the ever-changing landscape

# Challenges the Industry is Facing

- ▶ Handling the complex patient
- ▶ Distance
- ▶ Hospital formulary challenges
- ▶ Hospitalists vs. Primary Care Physician orders
- ▶ Private insurance
- ▶ Are medications or prescriptions being sent with the resident upon discharge?
- ▶ When will the resident be discharging?

# Community Pharmacy Standards

- ▶ Our Goal: To be the strongest link in the chain of transition
  - ▶ We saw a need for ensuring the safe transition from both the hospital and home setting into the long-term care setting
- ▶ Work with prescribers and hospitals
- ▶ Increasing our service offerings
- ▶ Utilizing resources

# Additional Efforts We Have Put in Place

- ▶ Taking the lead to help clarify orders
  - ▶ Taking the burden of addressing questions or issues out of the hands of the facility
  - ▶ Working together to create partnerships with facilities
- ▶ Leading the charge with medication reconciliation
- ▶ Interfacing with EHR Systems
- ▶ Dedicated pharmacy staff assigned to each facility

# Continuing to Evolve

- ▶ Continue to create partnerships
  - ▶ Working with both facilities and prescribers to navigate unfamiliar waters
- ▶ Spreading the word
  - ▶ Informing entities we partner with about pharmacy requirements
- ▶ Staying ahead of the curve
  - ▶ Get involved!
  - ▶ Stay informed!

# Questions and Discussion



- Questions for our speakers
  - Via phone or chat
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# Leave in Action



- Questions to run on:
  - In what way(s) can medication safety be improved in your setting?
  - What is one action you will take to improve medication safety in your setting?

# Leave in Action

## ■ Website Resources

- Great Plains QIN Care Coordination and Medication Safety Quarterly Report
  - <http://greatplainsqin.org/initiatives/coordination-care/>
  - Under Related Documents > Category – Tool
- Great Plains QIN Medication Safety Resources
  - Links to many tools
  - <http://greatplainsqin.org/initiatives/medication-safety/>



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# Coming Events . . .

February 28, 2017 ■ 12:00-1:00 p.m. CT

## **Coaching Calls**

### **Medication Safety**

Call: 888.585.9008

Passcode: 302681380

Go To Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/873196077>

## **Reducing Rehospitalizations**

Call: 888.585.9008

Passcode: 643345468

Go To Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/570631117>

## **Chronic Disease Management**

Call: 877.567.1262

Passcode: 6252783

Go To Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/607233021>

# Coming Events . . .

**March 28, 2017**

**12:00-1:00 p.m. CT**

## **Chronic Disease Management**

Click [here](#) to register.

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