

How to Not Mess Up the Discharge Prescription: Medication reconciliation provides a seamless discharge

ASSEMBLE

Look at admission Best Possible Medication History (BPMH) located under Physician Orders in chart. BPMH can be pulled from PharmaNet.

- ▶ If BPMH is not in chart ask unit clerk to pull it.

BE COMPLETE

Print discharge prescription.

- ▶ If not printed ask unit clerk to print.

COMPARE

Compare admission medications with discharge medications.

- ▶ Document discontinued meds (from admission).
- ▶ Review of medication: Continue, discontinue and change.
 1. Helpful to write why medications were started or discontinued.
 2. Check for substitutions, called “Therapeutic Interchanges”.
 3. Clarify what medications to continue.
 4. Complete Special Authority if needed.

DISCUSS

Discuss new medication list with patient.

- ▶ Ask patient if they have any financial barriers to purchasing medications.

Give medication list to unit clerk.

- ▶ Clerk faxes medication list to Primary Care Provider and community pharmacy and photocopy for patient chart.
- ▶ Original copy is given to patient.