

How many hospital pharmacy medication dispensing errors go undetected?

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This study directly observed more than 140,000 medication doses filled at a tertiary academic medical center, reporting an error rate of 3.6%. Of the undetected errors observed, nearly a quarter represented potential [adverse drug events](#) (ADEs) with incorrect medications, strength, and dosage form being the most common. The authors provide a detailed account of the classification and types of dispensing errors with a discussion of contributing factors.