

Nurses' perceptions of causes of medication errors and barriers to reporting.

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In this study, nurses at a Veterans Affairs hospital were surveyed regarding their experiences with medication errors and their perception of the effect of [computerized physician order entry](#) (CPOE) and [bar code medication administration](#) (BCMA) on the incidence of errors. Nurses identified many reasons for medication errors, including fatigue and illegible physician handwriting. While most nurses had filed an incident report due to a medication error, the majority agreed that some errors go unreported due to fear of criticism from management or colleagues. The implementation of CPOE and BCMA was associated with a lower perceived incidence of errors.