

Implementing medication reconciliation in outpatient pediatrics.

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[Medication reconciliation](#) was initially established as a [National Patient Safety Goal](#) (NPSG) in 2005. However, difficulty establishing and implementing effective medication reconciliation approaches led to The Joint Commission suspending evaluation of this NPSG in 2009 and eventually eliminating it as a separate NPSG in 2011. This report from a large health care system provides a detailed template for integrating medication reconciliation into clinician workflow in the outpatient setting. Through a combination of [leadership engagement](#), rapid cycle quality improvement projects, and financial incentives, the organization achieved consistent and sustained improvement in documentation of medication reconciliation for pediatric patients over a 5-year period. As medication reconciliation has been less studied in the [ambulatory care setting](#), this study provides a useful window into the barriers inherent in changing outpatient clinician workflow and the steps this organization took to minimize unintended consequences of the intervention.