

Omission of high-alert medications: a hidden danger.

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Analyzing [incidents reported](#) over a 4-month period, this article reveals that 21% of 2700 [medication errors](#) involved at least one [high-alert medication](#). The investigation found that more than half of errors occurred during the [administration](#) process, and problems associated with set up and use of intravenous (IV) delivery systems contributed to omissions. Recommended strategies to reduce risks include developing standard [procedures](#), tracing [IV lines](#), and enhancing utilization of health care technology.