

Economic value of pharmacist-led medication reconciliation for reducing medication errors after hospital discharge.

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[Medication discrepancies](#) between hospital and outpatient regimens can contribute to [adverse events](#) following hospital discharge. Pharmacist involvement in [medication reconciliation](#) is known to improve medication accuracy and reduce adverse drug events. This modeling study examined how implementing pharmacist-led medication reconciliation at hospital discharge affects a hospital payer's costs. Investigators calculated that an intervention that reduced medication discrepancies by 10% would be cost neutral. If pharmacist-led medication reconciliation improves accuracy as much as [prior studies](#) suggest, then implementing this process at hospital discharge should save costs. A past [WebM&M commentary](#) described a medication discrepancy that led to an adverse drug event.