

## Separate medication preparation rooms reduce interruptions and medication errors in the hospital setting: a prospective observational study.

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<u>Interruptions</u> are known to contribute to <u>medication administration errors</u>. This pre–post study found that nurses experienced fewer interruptions and made fewer medication errors following the introduction of a separate medication room. These results demonstrate how changing the work environment can promote safety.