

## **Electronic health record interoperability-why electronically discontinued medications are still dispensed.**

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[Prior research](#) has found that electronic health record systems (EHRs) cannot effectively communicate [medication discontinuation](#) instructions to pharmacies. This “teachable moment” commentary highlights this issue with EHR and pharmacy system interoperability which resulted in the inadvertent dispensing of a discontinued medication. A related commentary discusses the challenges associated with attempting to discontinue prescriptions and how the [CancelRx system](#) can help mitigate these challenges.