

## **Improving administration and documentation of enteral nutrition support therapy in a Veteran Affairs health care system: use of medication administration record and bar code scanning technology.**

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Provision of [enteral nutrition](#) (EN) is a specialized process requiring careful interdisciplinary teamwork. After discovering significant issues with ordering, administration, and documentation of EN, this health system updated its [workflows](#) to improve safety. EN therapies were added to the electronic medication administration record (MAR) and the barcoding system was updated. After one year, all EN orders were barcode scanned and nearly all were documented as given or included a reason why they were not given.