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Assessing medication safety in settings not designated solely for pediatric patients.

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Pediatric patients are at increased risk of adverse drug events due to weight- and age-based dosing. This article describes additional risk in non-pediatric settings, such as providers' lack of familiarity with dosing regimens or lack of access to pediatric equipment. Recommendations to reduce risks include appointing pediatric coordinators, designating space for pediatric patients when possible, and collaborating with pediatric institutions to create protocols for care and transfer.