

Relationships between medications used in a mental health hospital and types of medication errors: a cross-sectional study over an 8-year period.

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The prevalence of medication errors in [mental health](#) settings is not well-represented in research. This study used 8 years of medication records to identify when in the medication process the error occurred and was [identified](#), the consequences, type of drug, and root causes. Nearly one-third of errors were wrong dose and occurred in the prescribing stage. The type of error [varied](#) widely across medication types (e.g., high-alert, psychotropic).