

Therapeutic errors involving diabetes medications reported to United States poison centers.

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[Errors](#) in the administration of diabetes medications can result in emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and [patient harm](#). Using National Poison Data System data, researchers found that errors involving diabetes medications administered outside of healthcare facilities increased by nearly 280% from 2000 to 2011 and by 15% from 2011 to 2021. About 10% of those errors involved a serious outcome (e.g., hospital admission or death). Insulin-related errors were most common, but metformin accounted for 59% of deaths.