



KEY STATISTICS



£98 million

Annual cost of medication errors to the NHS



1,700

Deaths per year linked to medication errors in



50%

Of medication errors occur during



80%

Of errors preventable with proper training and double-checking

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1

Right Patient

Verify identity using at least two identifiers — name and date of birth



2

Right Medication

Check medication name carefully — look-alike/sound-alike drugs are common errors



3

Right Dose

Calculate correctly and have it checked — never guess



4

Right Route

Verify route matches prescription — oral, topical, injection

