



# MEDICATION RECONCILIATION UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL "SVETI DUH", ZAGREB

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## INTRODUCTION

- university hospital
- 500 acute adult and 70 neonate beds
- 14 clinical departments
- 1500 employees
- 1800 admissions per month

## MAIN GOAL

to enable medication reconciliation in one department (35 patients admitted per month) both at admission and discharge

## SUBGOALS

to educate involved staff, to improve (increase) leadership support, to improve patient involvement, to impact safety culture



## SLOGAN

### 4 Es' 4 SAFETY

- elaborate
- enable
- enact
- e-future for better safety

JULY

Starting up and forming a team

AUGUST

Refining the protocol, communication with admission personnel

MID AUGUST TO PRESENT

Full implementation on the designated ward

2014

FUTURE

- full implementation to entire hospital
- form incorporation into hospital software
- implementation of discharge medication lists to the national primary care mainframe

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## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Medication reconciliation department  
Department for clinical pharmacology=11 beds

### TEAM

pasq coordinator, 1 member from quality management department, physicians and nurses from the designated department

### TIMELINE

3 months

### BASELINE

no medication reconciliation

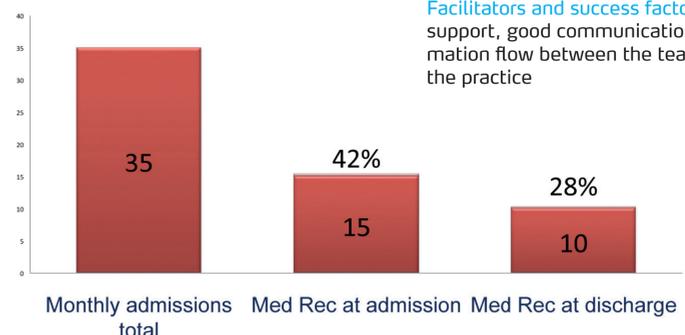
### METHODS

patients admitted to the department for clinical pharmacology (approx. 42% of all admissions) were interviewed at admission about their medication. The data derived from the interview, physician documentation at admission, past medical documentation and family members was compiled in a designated form. Final medication list consisting of medications that are recommended after actual hospitalization and medications that are no longer necessary was conceived as a letter to a primary care physician and added to the discharge letter (approx. 28% of all admissions)

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15 /35 RECONCILED AT ADMISSION  
10/35 RECONCILED AT DISCHARGE



### Barriers and challenges

lack of resources, resistance to additional work by physicians, lack of overall patient safety culture, cost of additional effort, paper load, staff education and control

**Facilitators and success factors** leadership support, good communication and information flow between the team applying the practice

## CONCLUSION AND FUTURE STEPS

- full implementation to entire hospital
- incorporation of medical reconciliation forms into the hospital software
- education and recruitment of additional team members
- implementation of discharge medication lists to national primary care mainframe for easy access and continuity of care in the family physician setting