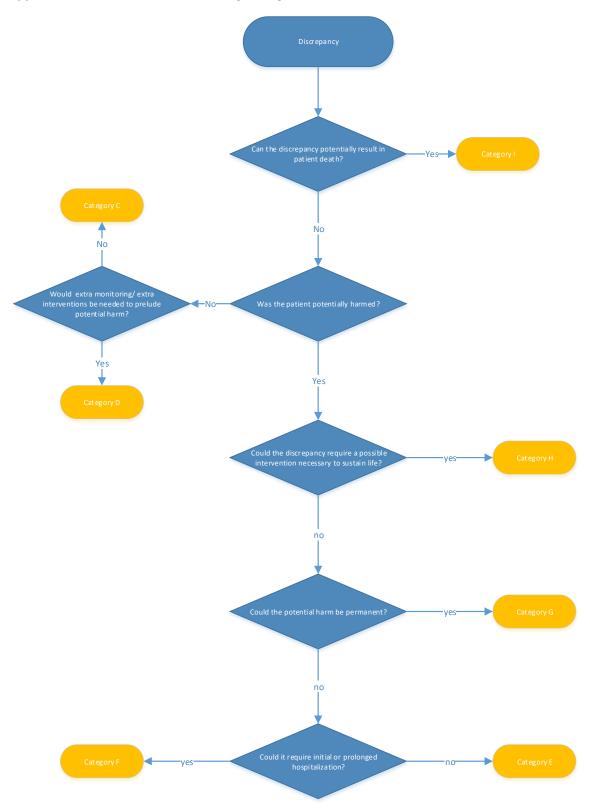
## APPENDIX C (2019;4:A1711)



## **Appendix C: NCCMERP Index for Categorizing Medication Errors**

## **Categories:**

- <u>Category A</u>: No discrepancy
- Category B: A discrepancy occurred but did not reach the patient
- <u>Category C</u>: A discrepancy occurred, but is not potentially harmful to the patient
- <u>Category D</u>: A potential harmful discrepancy occurred, which might need extra interventions/extra monitoring
- <u>Category E</u>: A discrepancy occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in temporary harm in the patient and required intervention
- <u>Category F</u>: A discrepancy occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in temporary harm to the patient and required initial or prolonged hospitalization
- <u>Category G</u>: A discrepancy occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in permanent patient harm
- Category H: A discrepancy occurred that required intervention necessary to sustain life
- <u>Category I</u>: A discrepancy occurred that may have contributed or resulted in the patient's death

## **Definitions:**

- <u>Harm</u>: Impairment of the physical, emotional, or psychological function or structure of the body and/or pain resulting therefrom.
- <u>Monitoring</u>: To observe or record relevant physiological or psychological signs.
- Intervention: May include change in therapy or active medical/surgical treatment.
- Intervention necessary to sustain life: Includes cardiovascular and respiratory support (e.g., CPR, defibrillation, intubation, etc.).