

APPENDIX C (2019;4:A1711)

Appendix C: NCCMERP Index for Categorizing Medication Errors



Categories:

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

Definitions:

- Harm: Impairment of the physical, emotional, or psychological function or structure of the body and/or pain resulting therefrom.
- Monitoring: 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.).