

In Terms of Nurses' Point of View Medication Errors as a Global IssueSümeyye ARSLAN¹¹Health Sciences Faculty / Pamukkale University, Turkey
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Aim of the study: Medication errors are one of the most important concepts under the patient safety. Chronic illnesses, self-treatment, introduction of new medications, polypharmacy, reports and regulations about use of medication safely and properly issues put the medication errors to global health concerns. World Health Organization has documents about it. When medications are used to treat the disease and symptoms it brings some risks. These changes to from unimportant effects to fatal. So medication administration process brings the safety as a priority. The main objective of the current study is to examine the medication errors with a point of view nurses'.

Material and Methods: The literature examining used in the current study.

Results: In the presentation of health care, nurses have a great importance. Especially process of medication administration has been carried out in cooperation with physicians, nurses and pharmacists and the nurses have the biggest responsibility area. Nurses have responsibility at each step of medication administration especially preparation, administration and monitoring steps. Nurses have long and intensive work hours. It brings professional burnout, fatigue and stress and all of these can adversely affect the medication administration and patient safety. To prevent and eliminate medication errors; undergraduate and postgraduate nurses must have trained qualifiedly, number of nurses must increase, roles and responsibilities of nurses must clearly have defined, policies and legal regulations must have done, information and record keeping must use, physical regulations must have done at the medication preparation areas.

Acknowledgements: At this point, all countries have developed different methods and systems to prevent and eliminate medication errors.

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