

## What is UC San Francisco Doing?



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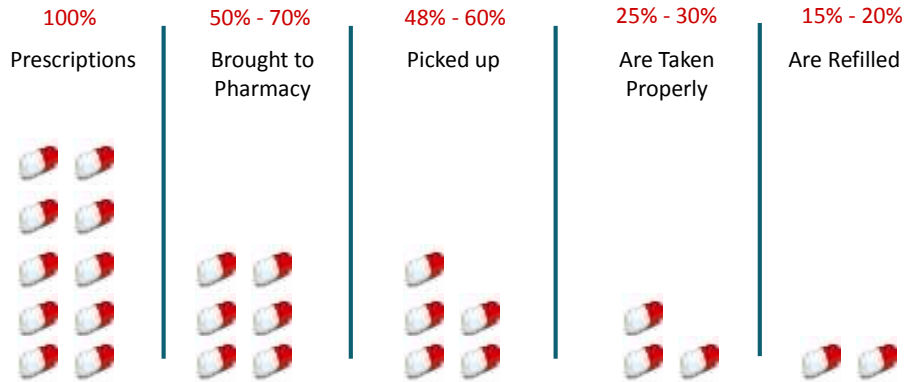
## Our Focus

- ◆ **Medication management** is critical in achieving desired health outcomes
  - What are the medication pain points at transitions of care?
  - How do we quantify them?
  - What are their implications?
  - What are the solutions?

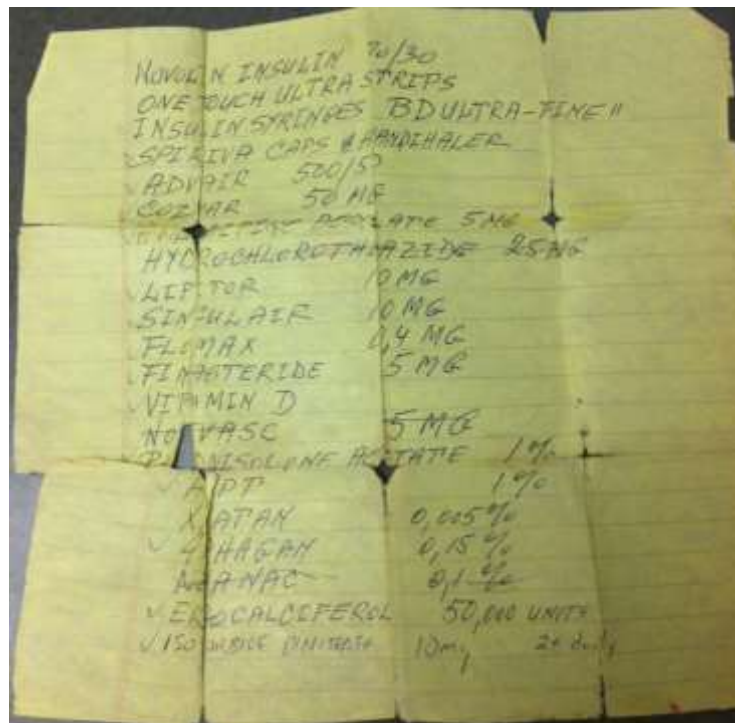
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## Rate of Medication Drop Off – Nearly 1 in 3 Patients Don't Fill

Adherence? Physicians – alignment, connection w/ PCP to hospitalists (handoff)



Source: IMS



## The UCSF Experience

- ◆ School of Pharmacy looked at developing a transition of care program
- ◆ We were opening Walgreen's at UCSF February 2014
- ◆ Transitions of care market was already saturated at UCSF
- ◆ Evaluated the existing transition market and looked for a fit

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## 48-hour Discharge Phone Call Program

- ◆ Nurse-run program
  - Designed to improve HCAHPS Scores
  - Centralizing, automating and expanding
  - Was there a fit for pharmacy?
    - Design and format of medication-related questions for the discharge survey
    - Integration into the phone call team
      - Interprofessional collaboration
      - Development of escalation protocols
      - Development of documentation systems
      - Study the results

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## Medication-related Survey Questions

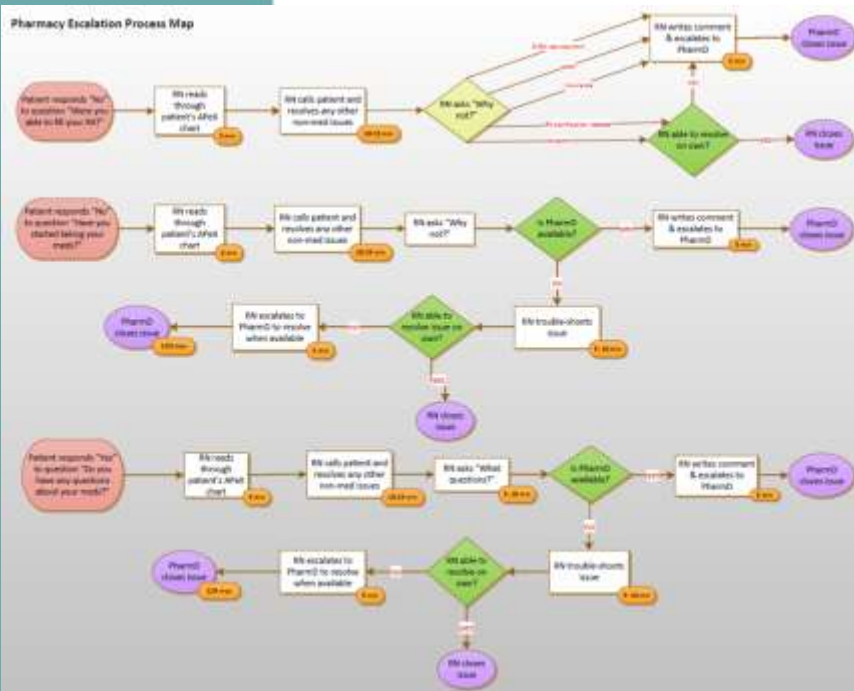
### ◆ IVR technology instituted

### ◆ Medication Survey questions

1. Taking your medications is important for your health. Were you able to fill your prescriptions?
2. Have you started taking your medications?
3. Do you have any questions about taking your medications?

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Pharmacy Escalation Process Map



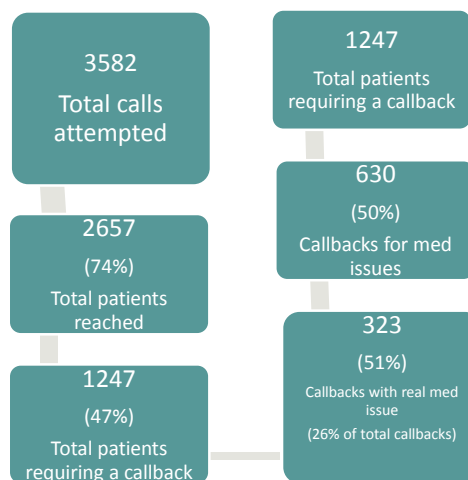
## Medication-Related Calls

9/20/13 – 2/7/14 (20 weeks)

### ◆ 630 call backs for medication issues

- 578 (91%) were due to the 3 med prompts
  - 424 were questions about taking medications
  - 220 did not fill their discharge medication
  - 62 did not start their discharge medication (had it)
- 52 (9%) no med prompt but pts had med-related ?
- 323 (51%) actually had a medication issue to discuss and resolve

## Medication-Related Calls



## Medication-Related Issues Evaluated n=323

◆ Insurance	(23%)
◆ Other medication issues	(23%)
◆ Directions (Sig)	(16%)
◆ Side effects	(16%)
◆ Prescription problems	(11%)
◆ Access	(10%)

## What's Next?

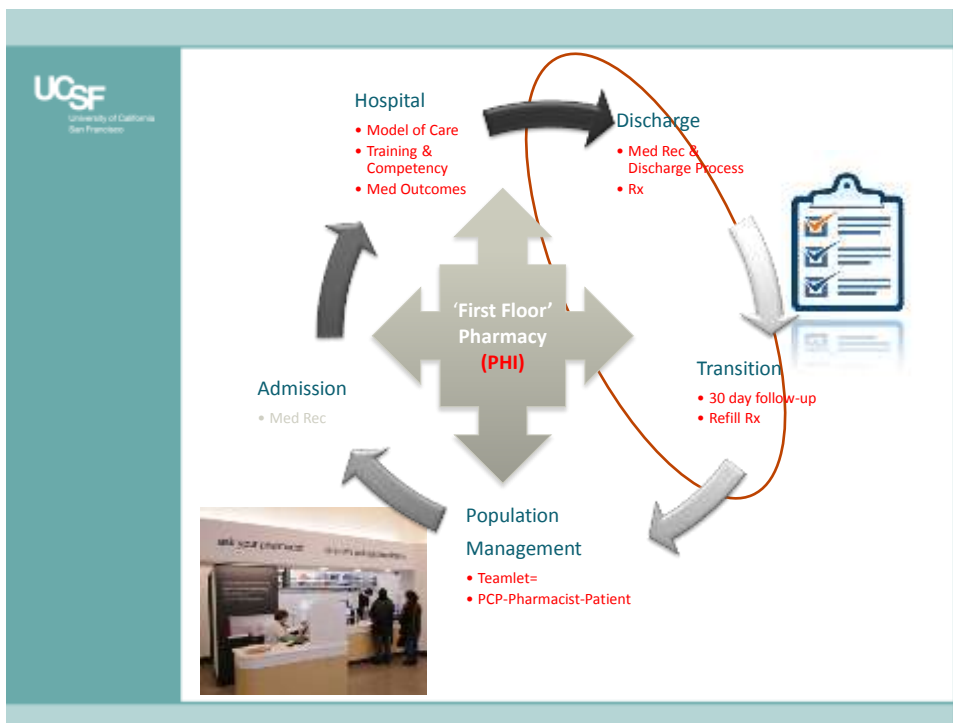
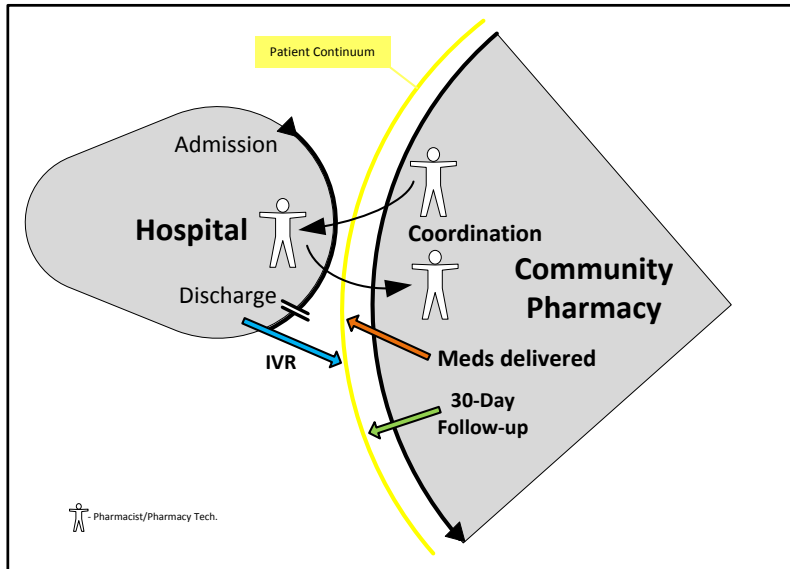
- ◆ **Problem resolution**
  - Improved escalation protocols
    - Right calls to right people
  - Meds to Beds program
    - 60% problem resolution
  - Better medication education (MedList Clinic)
    - 40% problem resolution
    - Inpatient or post-discharge???
    - Actionable personalized medication lists

## First Floor Pharmacy Project (FFP)

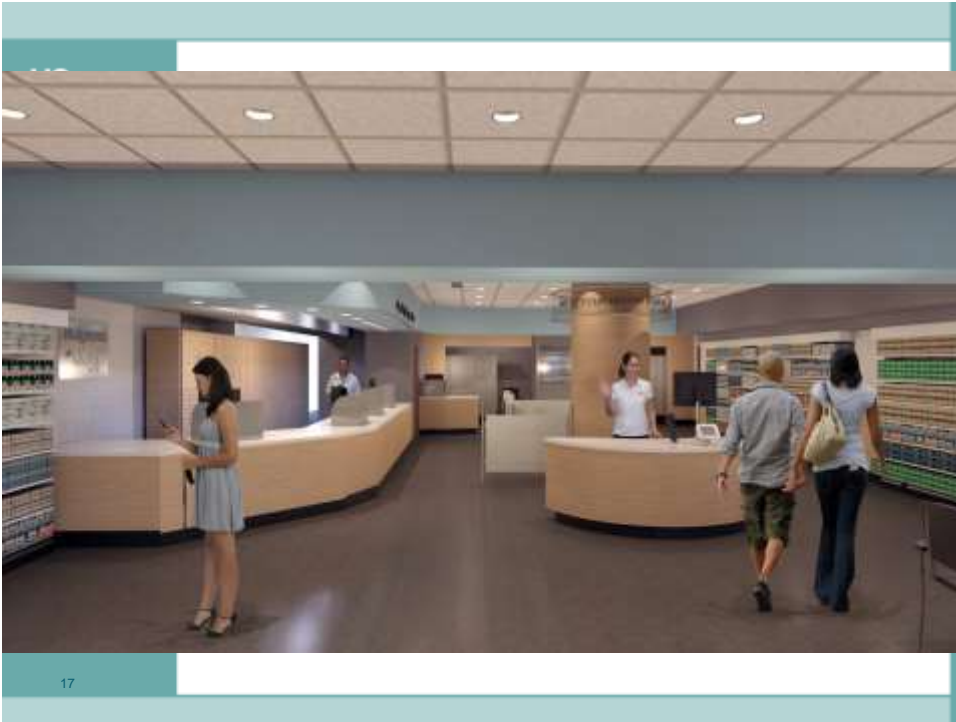
- ◆ Identification of the medication issues in transitions at our institution
- ◆ Providing safe transitions of patients back to the communities in which they live
- ◆ Engagement of Community Pharmacists
- ◆ Pharmacy With Unique Space Design to Promote Health Interactions
  - Location to pilot innovative programs:
  - Bedside Deliver and the MedList Clinic
- ◆ Tackling the 'actionable' medication list to facilitate health delivery
  - Hospital Transitions (Discharge) as a starting point
  - Technology (EMR)

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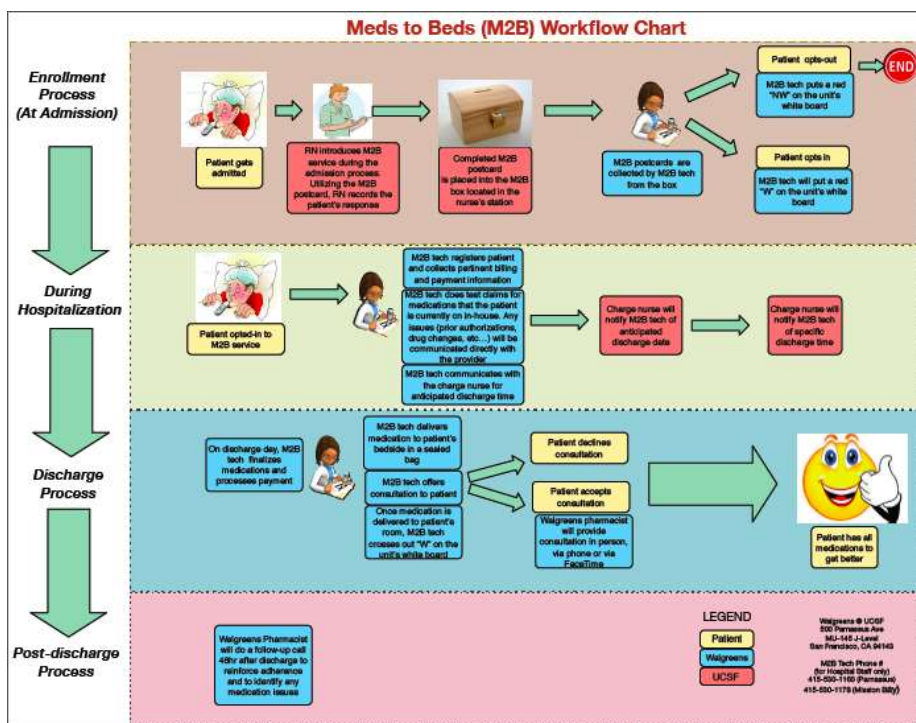




## Bedside Delivery at Discharge

- ◆ Partnering with the community pharmacy
- ◆ **Meds-to-Beds** is a service that delivers medications to a patient's bedside prior to discharge
- ◆ It is a **FREE** service to the hospital and to the patient
- ◆ Can lead to better short term adherence
- ◆ Importance of placing the EMR into the community setting

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## Comprehensive Medication Review (CMR) Post Discharge

### ◆ MedList Clinic

- High risk patients identified in the hospital
- Offered MedList Clinic CMR post discharge
- Patients contacted post discharge and seen in Our Walgreens pharmacy or telephonically
- Walgreens had our electronic medical record in place so they HAD INFORMATION!
- All pt's receive an actionable medication list post visit with patient and provider notes to promote engagement

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### Medication List

Please share this list with all of your healthcare providers

Vince Lambardi

Dr Mark Hough (312-111-1212)

**ALLERGIES:** Penicillin, peanuts test

Medication 	Purpose 	8AM	6PM
 <b>Metformin Hydrochloride 500mg Tablet</b> Take one tablet by mouth twice a day Take with a meal to avoid stomach upset	<b>Blood Sugar</b>	1 Tablet	1 Tablet
<b>Tylenol 325mg Tablet</b> Take one tablet by mouth every 4 - 6 hours as needed for pain	<b>Back Pain</b>	Take one tablet by mouth every 4 - 6 hours as needed for pain	
 <b>Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg Tablet</b> Take one tablet by mouth in the morning	<b>Blood Pressure</b>	1 Tablet	
 <b>Lisinopril 20mg Tablet</b> Take one tablet by mouth in the morning Likely causing your dry cough. Discuss with your doctor	<b>Blood Pressure</b>	1 Tablet	
<b>Atorvastatin Calcium 20mg Tablet</b> Take one tablet by mouth every morning Additional Meds	<b>Lowers Cholesterol</b>	1 Tablet	

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**Provider Notes:**

Primary care: Mr. Lombardi is experiencing a dry cough since starting lisinopril. Please consider an ARB in place of the lisinopril

- please see quality screens as pt needs diabetes measure addressed

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Cardiology: pt is having flushing with amiodarone and has stopped it. He states that he called your office to alert you of this.

**Patient Instructions:**

Mr. Lombardi, thank you for meeting with us in the MedList Clinic. Please begin using the med box we provided to help you remember your medications

- the cough you describe (dry tickle) is likely due to your lisinopril. We will contact your doctor but please discuss with him as well.

- please remember to take your metformin after a meal to avoid stomach upset and diarrhea

- your hydrochlorothiazide should be taken in the morning to avoid getting up at night to urinate

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It is recommended that you get a:

1. A1C diabetes test (once every year)

2. Kidney test (once every year)

3. Eye exam (once every year)

4. There are a number of resources to help you quit smoking:

A) Talk with your pharmacist about medicines to help you stop smoking

B) Call the California Smoker's Help Line 1-800-NO-BUTTS (1-800-662-8887)

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## How is UCSF Doing with Med Rec

- ◆ **90 patients discharged from the hospital seen for CMR in MedList Clinic.**
  - > 95% discordance between the discharge summary and what the patient is actually taking at home.
- ◆ **Common discrepancies include:**
  - Vitamins and supplements that the patient is taking at home that are not on the discharge medication list
  - Dosing discrepancies between home meds and discharge meds
  - Prn meds that are being taken at home that are not listed on discharge summary (inhalers, allergy meds, sleep aids, meds for constipation)
  - Meds on the discharge summary that patient states they are no longer taking and have not been on for a period of time.
  - Duplicate therapy listed on discharge summaries that we clarify and delete

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## Results

- ◆ **150 patients accepted CMR service**
- ◆ **90 (60%) completed a CMR**
- ◆ **Age: 11-103, average 64, median 67**
- ◆ **51.3% female, 48.7% male**

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## Results (n=90 patients)

- ◆ 182 drug-related problems identified
- ◆ 177 interventions made
- ◆ 1.97 interventions per patient
- ◆ 81 patients (90%) given patient communication
- ◆ 68 patients (76%) given provider communication
- ◆ All patients provided medication list

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## Drug-related Problems (n=182)

DRP	Percentage
DDI	11%
Adherence	18%
ADEs	22%
Appropriateness/Effectiveness	48%

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## Role of the Pharmacist in Practice Reform

- ◆ Play a key leadership role in medication reconciliation
- ◆ Be involved in the design and implementation of emerging medication safety technologies
- ◆ Assist in evaluating your practice
  - How can I be more collaborative and innovative in my practice to promote patient safety?
- ◆ Pay special attention to patients in transition – this is a vulnerable population



## Learnings

- ◆ Clear goals
- ◆ Partnerships & collaborations
- ◆ Create opportunity
- ◆ Take risk
- ◆ Fail fast, pivot and move on!

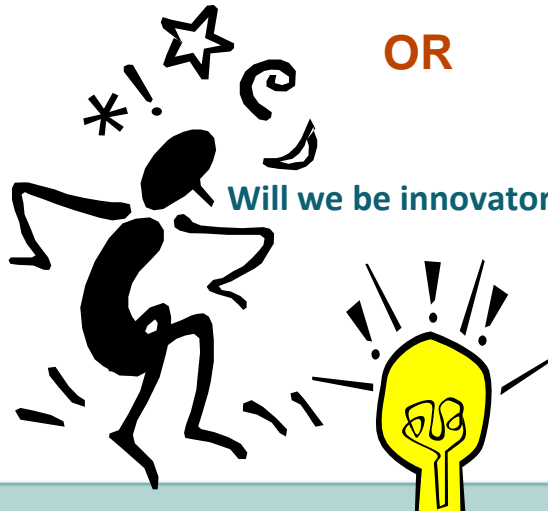
***Vision without execution is hallucination –  
Henry Ford***

## Pharmacy's Position

Will we be reactionaries?

OR

Will we be innovators?



## Self Assessment Questions

1. The single greatest predictor of adverse drug events in a patient is the number of medications used? T
2. Medication reconciliation as a sole intervention has been shown to decrease readmissions and mortality in transitions of care? F
3. TOC initiatives are easily transferable among organizations, settings, jurisdictions and countries? F



# Questions



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## Insurance

ISSUE	CODE	DEFINITION	Total	sub	ESC	%esc
Insurance	IPAR	Insurance; Prior authorization required	31		10	
	INONE	Insurance; Patient does not have insurance	3		2	
		insurance issue (not specified in comments; does not include PAR or coverage; other insurance reason not including PAR)	8		1	
	INSURANCE					
	ITOOSOON	Refill too soon due to previous fills before admitting to the hospital	5		1	
	IPRICE	Medication is too expensive even after insurance	2			
	INOCOVE	Insurance; Not covered by patient's insurance	25		7	
Subtotal				74	21	28%

## Access

ISSUE	CODE	DEFINITION	Total	sub	ESC	%esc
Access	ANOTRAN	Access; Patient does not have transportation to pick up medication	6			
	ANOSTOCK	Access; Pharmacy is out of stock of medication	12			
	AWRONGPHARMACY	Access; Prescription was sent to wrong pharmacy	3		1	
	ANOCARRY	Pharmacy doesn't carry the medication	4		2	
	ANOFILL	pharmacy would not fill medication	3		1	
		Patient concerned with access of refills of medications (Rx called into pharmacy not in patient's neighborhood after discharge)	1			
	AREFILL					
	ATOOSICK	Access; Patient too sick to go to pharmacy to pick up medication	1			
		pharmacy was too busy to have Rx ready when patient came in to pick up	1			
	ATOOBUSY					
Subtotal				31	4	13%

## Prescription Issues

ISSUE	CODE	DEFINITION	Total	sub	ESC	%esc
Rx	RNOPRINTRX	Rx; No printed/paper Rx given (controlled RX's)	2			
	RERXFAIL	Rx; e-prescription failed – (pharmacy does not have Rx, Rx was not transmitted)	8		2	
	RNOICD9DX	Rx; No ICD9 or no diagnosis code given with Rx	2		1	
	RDECLINE	Patient was prescribed Rx at discharge but declined it	4			
	RREFILL	Patient almost out of med, needs refill	4			
	RWRONG	wrong Rx sent to pharmacy	1			
		pt wants to know if Rx was sent/called into to pharmacy; if Rx was already sent out via mail order	2			
	RQUESTION					
	RCANCEL	pharmacy cancelled Rx	2			
	RERROR	mistake or error on prescription not filled	2			
	RNORX	Rx; Patient was not given Rx at discharge (needed Rx never prescribed)	9			
Subtotal				36	3	8%

## Side Effects

ISSUE	CODE	DEFINITION	Total	sub	ESC	%esc
Side Effects	SEQUESTION	SE; Question about side effects	11		3	
	SEAFRAID	Patient is not taking medication to avoid side effects	3			
	SEEXPERIENCE	SE; Patient is experiencing side effects	39		6	
Subtotal				53	9	17%

## Directions (Sig)

ISSUE	CODE	DEFINITION	Total	sub	ESC	%esc
SIG	SIGFORMULA	SIG; Like Nexium dissolved in solution question	3			
	SIGDIRECTIONS	SIG; Patient does not understand directions (how to follow directions)	22		2	
	SIGTAPER	SIG; How to taper medications	15		7	
	SIGCOUNSEL	SIG; Inhaler, insulin, etc	10		2	
	SIGCHANGE	Patient not aware of the sig change	3			
Subtotal				53	11	21%

## Medication Issues

ISSUE	CODE	DEFINITION	Total	sub	ESC	%esc
MED	MEDNOHELP	Medication does not help (in the past, after a few days)	9		1	
	MEDQ	Medication question (how long to use, should new med be started, should med be d/c, missed dose management, general med question)	55		7	
	MEDISSUENOREASON	issues with meds, but no reason given	11		1	
Subtotal				75	9	12%