

Watch Out *for...*

Duplicate Drug Charts on Discharge

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What Happened?

- Patients have been discharged from DCCQ with both their pre-admission ward drug chart **and** a new drug chart from DCCQ.
- Nursing staff on the wards have been confused over which chart to use - meaning potential **double** or **delayed** dosing of drugs.



The Facts:

- We often make significant changes to medications on admission and during a patient's stay in DCCQ.
- Discharging patients from DCCQ with incorrect or confusing drug charts can lead to drug errors and severe patient harm.

Protect Your Patients:

- When admitting a patient to DCCQ, the **admitting doctor** should score off and date all existing drug charts while e-prescribing on CIS.
- During the stay in DCCQ, the **pharmacist** and **bedside nurse** should remain vigilant and score off and date any drug charts later found in the notes.
- When discharging from DCCQ, the **discharging doctor** must ensure that only the correct drug chart remains active and accompanies the patient.
- Before leaving for the ward during working hours, ask the **DCCQ pharmacist** to check the new drug chart against CIS prescriptions.

