

MEDICATION SAFETY COMMITTEE CHARGES

A. July 29, 2020 – Initial Charge to advise the board on medication error matters that include:

1. *Considering application of a tool to assign harm level for medication errors that occur and are investigated by the board*
(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6647434/#!po=40.9091>)
2. *Categorize the types of errors that occur and develop a standardized remediation plan/assignment for the board to employ with a disciplinary action for a medication error*
3. *Provide an opinion on the disciplinary action recommended for first time medication error offense that causes no harm v. medication errors that cause harm*
 - *Informal discipline*
 - *Letter of reprimand*
 - *Unethical/unprofessional conduct*
 - *One of the above PLUS remediation plan*
 - *Other*
4. *Consider the idea of developing a repository database for Kentucky pharmacists to safely and anonymously report medication errors and concerns for patient welfare (no specific pharmacies or pharmacists would be reported – data collected would be categorized to type of practice setting, etc.)*
 - *For med error review and discussion by the ad hoc committee to identify patterns of concern for our state and recommend corresponding corrective action plans / remediation support for the board to consider for the profession*
 - *Partner with an expert organization for a state pilot? (ex. ISMP)*
 - *Note: There are already programs available for reporting <https://www.ismp.org/report-medication-error>) and internal QA programs pharmacies have developed. This is not intended to supplant those programs or interfere. This is proposed as an idea to specifically look at our state’s individual medication error profile and address the needs, if identified, in our state to support the profession and optimize the safety and welfare of our Commonwealth. It may also provide a safe venue for pharmacists to report errors that they feel otherwise uncomfortable with reporting and feel safety concerns exist without subjecting themselves to potential disciplinary action in the process.*

B. January 28, 2021 – ISMP for Medication Error Prevention:

“Chris Harlow moved to direct the Medication Safety Committee consider the utilization of the ISMP Medication Safety Self-Assessment for resolution in medication error disciplinary cases. Peter Cohron seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.”