

NEAR MISSES: Prescribing Errors Detected & Prevented at Discharge Pharmacy.

Near Miss 1

Wrong Dose

Drug: AKURIT-4
(Isoniazid 75mg +Rifampicin 150mg
+Pyrazinamide 400mg +Ethambutol
HCL 275mg)

Indication: Tuberculosis

✗ Prescribed dose: 1 tab OD
(insufficient)

✓ Intended dose: 4 tabs OD
(for patient 55-70kg)



Possible Consequence

Sub-therapeutic and
ineffective treatment
over Tuberculosis

Normal dosing for intensive phase:

Body Weight (kg)	Dose
30 - 37	2 tablets daily
38 - 54	3 tablets daily
55 - 70 kg	4 tablets daily
≥70 kg	5 tablets daily

How to Avoid

Always check the current
dose based on the
patient's weight

Refer our HCTM Formulary
app (scan the QR at the
bottom to download)



Near Miss 2

Wrong Administration

Drug: EPILIM syrup
(Sodium Valproate 200mg/5mL)

Indication: Epilepsy

✗ Administered dose:
900mg OM

✓ Intended dose:
300 mg OM, 600mg ON



Possible Consequence

CHETS shows only
total dose (900mg)
indented & staff nurse
may miss out
information in the
INTAKE ACTION that
states 300mg in the
morning and 600mg at
night

How to Avoid

Always prescribe **different
doses** at different times in
separate entries.

Prescribe like this :

Drug	Regimen	Frequency	Intake action
EPILIM syrup	7.5 mL	1	300mg OM ✓
EPILIM syrup	15mL	1	600mg ON ✓

Instead of this :

Drug	Regimen	Frequency	Intake action
EPILIM syrup	22.5mL	1	300mg OM, 600mg ON ✗

Near Miss 3

Wrong Duration

Drug: Terbinafine tablets

Indication: Fungal
infection caused by
dermatophytes

✗ Prescribed dose & duration:
250mg OD for 2 months

✓ Intended duration:
2 weeks



Possible Consequence

**Hepatitis & Acute
Liver Failure** have
been reported with
prolonged use of
Terbinafine.
Symptoms typically
arise within 4-6 weeks
& require 3-6 months
to resolve.

[LiverTox]

How to Avoid

Always **check the
intended duration** &
if it tallies with what
is being ordered
before submitting.

