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Medical Safety
Information

Medical Safety Information released in 2013

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Medical Safety Information No.74-No.85 was issued monthly from January to December 2013. The full list of bulletins is shown below.

No.	Title
No.74	Wrongly Assembled Manual Resuscitator
No.75	★ Total Dose Wrongly Entered as Flow Rate in Infusion Pump, etc.
No.76	Medical Safety Information released in 2012
No.77	★ Vasculitis due to Administration of Gabexate Mesilate (1st Follow-up Report)
No.78	★ Wrong Quantity Prescribed When Switching from Medicines Brought in at Hospitalization to Internal Prescriptions
No.79	Medical Safety Information released from 2006 to 2011
No.80	★ Urethral Damage Caused by an Indwelling Bladder Catheter
No.81	★ Body Part Trapped in Gaps in Side Rails, etc. When Operating Beds
No.82	★ Accidental Ingestion of PTP Sheets (1st Follow-up Report)
No.83	Failure to Reopen All Clamps on a Cerebrospinal Fluid Drainage Circuit
No.84	Insufficient Confirmation of Incorrect Prescription
No.85	★ Accidental Removal of a Drain/Tube during Transfer

For titles with ★, similar cases had been reported after the release of each issue until December 31, 2013.

◆ The following similar cases occurred.

No.78 Wrong Quantity Prescribed When Switching from Medicines Brought in at Hospitalization to Internal Prescriptions

At the time of admission, the patient was taking 9 Hydantol F combination tablets, which had been prescribed by another medical institution. Hydantol F combination tablets were not used at the hospital, so "Hydantol D combination tablet + Aleviatin = Hydantol F combination tablet" was written on the Patient's Medication Checklist. Having checked with the pharmacist to be certain that 9 Hydantol D combination tablets + 9 Aleviatin 100mg tablets would be the equivalent dose of prescribing 9 Hydantol F combination tablets, the physician prescribed them. A few days after starting to take the tablets, the patient suffered dysarthria, so his/her blood concentration of Phenytoin was checked and was found to be high, at 34.5µg/mL.

- ◆ Conversion from 9 Hydantol F combination tablets (225mg of Phenytoin, etc.)
9 Hydantol D combination tablets (150mg of Phenytoin, etc.)
+ Right) 3 Aleviatin 25mg tablets (75mg of Phenytoin)
Wrong) 3 Aleviatin 100mg tablets (900mg of Phenytoin)

No.80 Urethral Damage Caused by an Indwelling Bladder Catheter

When the nurse inserted an 18Fr bladder catheter, s/he injected distilled water via the valve and inflated the balloon without first checking for the discharge of urine. When s/he then let the distilled water out of the balloon and withdrew the catheter because no urine was discharged, the nurse noticed bleeding from the urethral opening.

No.82 Accidental Ingestion of PTP Sheets (1st Follow-up Report)

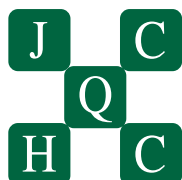
The patient was drowsy after receiving an analgesic injection. The nurse cut the PTP sheets of the patient's oral medication into individual tablets, placed them into a medicine cup, and told the patient to take them later. Staff later discovered that the patient had accidentally ingested the PTP sheets, because the patient told them, "I took the drugs without taking them out of the sheets and now they're stuck in my throat."

◆ Other similar cases are included in the Annual Report 2013.

* As part of the Project to Collect Medical Near-Miss/Adverse Event Information (a Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare grant project), this medical safety information was prepared based on the cases collected in the Project as well as on opinions of the "Comprehensive Evaluation Panel" to prevent the occurrence and recurrence of medical adverse events. See quarterly reports and annual reports posted on the Japan Council for Quality Health Care website for details of the Project.
<http://www.med-safe.jp/>

* Accuracy of information was ensured at the time of preparation but cannot be guaranteed in the future.

* This information is intended neither to limit the discretion of healthcare providers nor to impose certain obligations or responsibilities on them.



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