



Medicines reconciliation checklist

A practical step-through for admission, transfer and discharge. Use alongside your local trust SOP.

Patient

Patient name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____
NHS number: _____ MRN: _____
Allergies / ADRs: _____
Reason for admission / transfer: _____

Step 1: Confirm sources (use at least two)

- Patient / family interview
- Patient's own medication (POD)
- Repeat prescription slip
- Specialist clinic letters
- GP-held record (SCR / EMIS / SystemOne)
- Most recent discharge letter / TTO
- Community pharmacy record (eMAR / dispensing log)
- Care-home MAR chart

Step 2: Document each medication

For every regular and PRN item, record: name, dose, route, frequency, indication, duration, last taken, source.

Medication	Dose & route	Frequency	Indication	Source	Discrepancy?

Step 3: Don't forget non-prescribed items

- OTC analgesia, antihistamines, PPIs
- Herbal supplements (St John's wort, ginseng, kava)
- Vitamins & minerals
- Recreational drugs / alcohol / smoking
- Contraception / HRT
- Eye drops, inhalers, topical preparations

Step 4: Resolve discrepancies

- Intentional change (e.g. dose titrated, item stopped)
- Unintentional omission - escalate to prescriber
- Dose / frequency error - escalate to prescriber
- Duplicate therapy - flag for review
- New interaction risk - flag for review
- Adherence concern - document and refer to clinical pharmacist

Step 5: Document

- Reconciliation recorded in EPMA / paper drug chart
- Discrepancies flagged in clinical notes
- Pharmacist / prescriber notified of unresolved issues
- Discharge or transfer letter reflects final list
- Patient / carer informed of any changes

Completed by: _____ Role: _____ Date: ____/____/____
Time: _____

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