

Safety Enhanced Design Brief

Medication Lists

To be effective at improving health, medication lists must give providers a quick holistic view of the patient, but also help them make specific treatment decisions.

Useful medication lists are challenging to design, because of the complexity and time course of medication information and the variety of tasks that they support.

1 Design medication lists to support key user tasks including

- An overview of what the patient is currently taking
- Managing treatment decisions
- Renewing medications
- Reconciling medications
- Reviewing time course
- Managing temporary changes
- Reviewing treatment that was effective or ineffective
- Assessing adherence

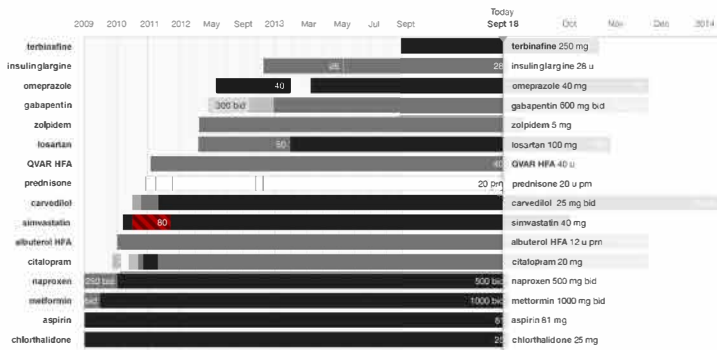
2 To give a quick overview, use a simple list of current medications that emphasizes drug names (and then strengths) and de-emphasizes other information:

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3 To support detailed decision making use a detailed interactive table that is compact, easy to read, and quickly sortable and searchable:

Medication	Dose	Frequency	Quantity	Refills	Condition	Provider	Prescribed	2011	2012	2013	2014	Renew by
albuterol HFA	2 puffs	q4hprn	12	12	Asthma	Belden MD	12 Jan 2010					22 Nov 2013
aspirin	81 mg	1 d			Diabetes	OTC						
beclomethasone HFA	2 puffs	bid	12	12	Asthma	Belden MD	19 Feb 2011					19 Sep 2013
carvedilol	12.5 mg	1 bid	90	3	Hypertension	Belden MD	12 Jul 2010					20 Feb 2014
chlorthalidone	25 mg	1 d	90	3	Hypertension	Belden MD	19 Sep 2006					19 Sep 2013
citalopram	20 mg	1 d	90	3	Depression	Shoyinka MD	23 Nov 2009					22 Nov 2013
gabapentin	600 mg	1 bid	60	11	neuropathic pain	Belden MD	19 Apr 2012					22 Nov 2013
insulin glargine	28 u	daily	90	11	Diabetes	Brietzke MD	19 Nov 2012					19 Sep 2013

4 To support an understanding of the time course of treatment, use an interactive timeline that shows dose (relative to maximum dose) at a glance:



How to read the timeline

Timeframe: ← Past → Future →

Total daily dose:

- Light grey: is low
- Dark grey: is less than minimum
- Black: Maximum
- Red: Over than maximum