



# Tools to Improve Medication Safety

Preventing and Reducing Adverse Drug Events

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# Let's Chat!

Please share with us in chat:

1. Reducing adverse drug events (ADEs) is important in my practice because \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The biggest barrier to reducing ADEs in my practice is \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Learning Objectives

At the completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Explain what Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) are and what they do.
2. Identify the QIN-QIO that serves their state and region.

# Learning Objectives (cont.)

3. Apply tools in atom Alliance's Medication Safety Starter Kit to improve medication safety and everyday patient care.
4. Describe how pharmacists and other stakeholders can partner with atom Alliance to improve medication safety.

# Patient Story: Debbie Miller



<http://atomalliance.org/the-urgent-need-to-raise-awareness-of-opioid-safety/>

# Adverse Drug Events

**1.5 Million**  
**ADEs**  
**Each Year**  
in the U.S. Healthcare System

## Key facts:

ADEs contribute an extra \$3.5 billion in U.S. healthcare costs—up to \$5.6 million per U.S. hospital.

**\$3.5 billion**



**3** ADEs will happen in about the time it takes you to read this graphic

 **7x**

Older adults are up to seven times more likely than younger persons to experience an ADE requiring hospitalization.

Each hospital patient suffers **one medication error per day** on average.

ADEs result in approximately 1 million emergency room visits per year.



**1 million**

The top two medications implicated in ADEs are insulin (for diabetes) and warfarin (a blood thinner).

Sources: Institute of Medicine  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
National Institutes of Health

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# Polling Question

How familiar are you with Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) and what they do?

- A. Very familiar
- B. Somewhat familiar
- C. Not at all familiar



# What Are QIOs?

-  Contracted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
-  Help healthcare providers deliver the right care at the right time, every time
-  Offer objective assistance to unite patients, providers, community organizations and other stakeholders in making care safer and more effective
-  Ensure Medicare beneficiaries receive the healthcare they deserve

*SOURCE: <http://www.qioprogam.org/about/what-are-qios>*

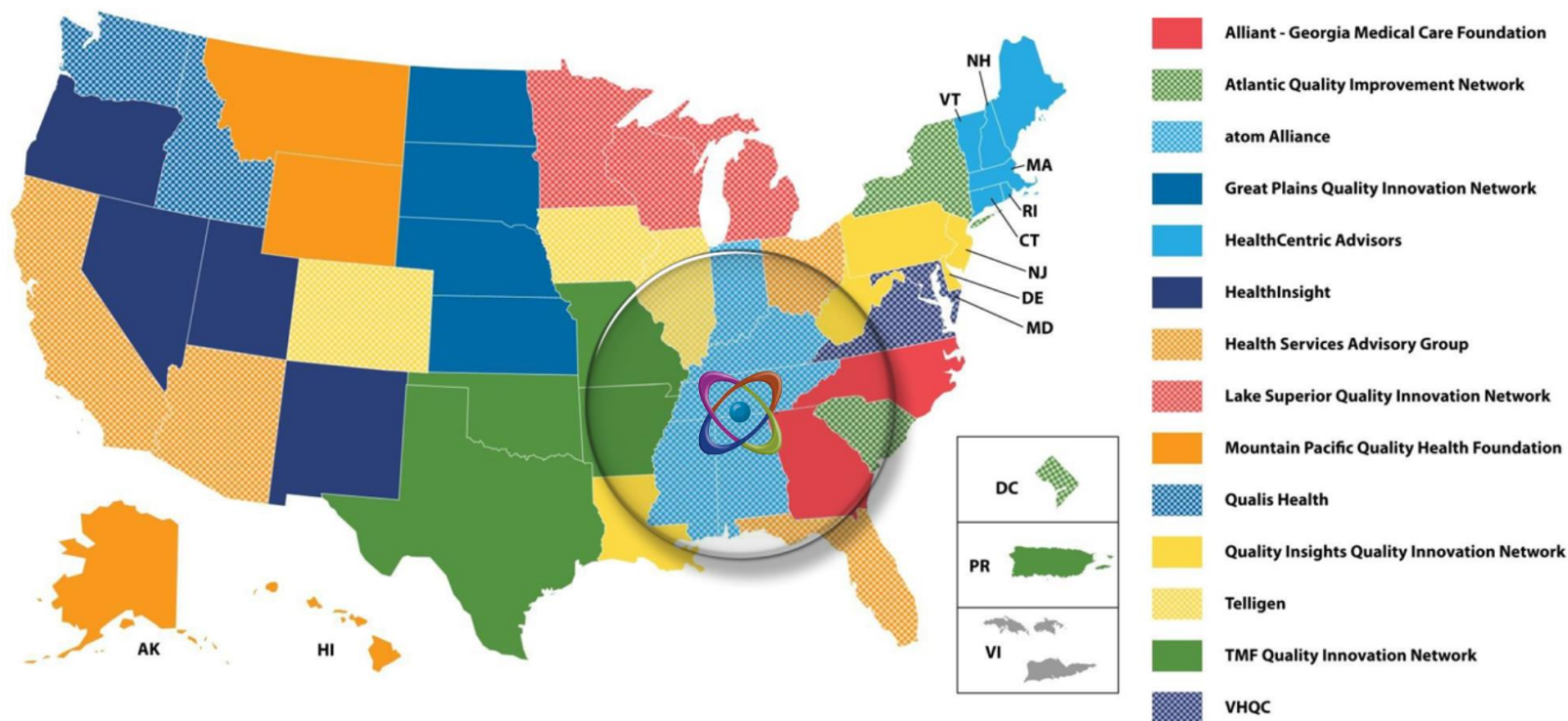
# What Are QIOs? (cont.)

## Two types of QIOs

-  Two Beneficiary and Family Centered Care QIOs (BFCC-QIOs)
-  Fourteen Quality Innovation Network-QIOs (QIN-QIOs)

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# QIN-QIOs Across the Nation



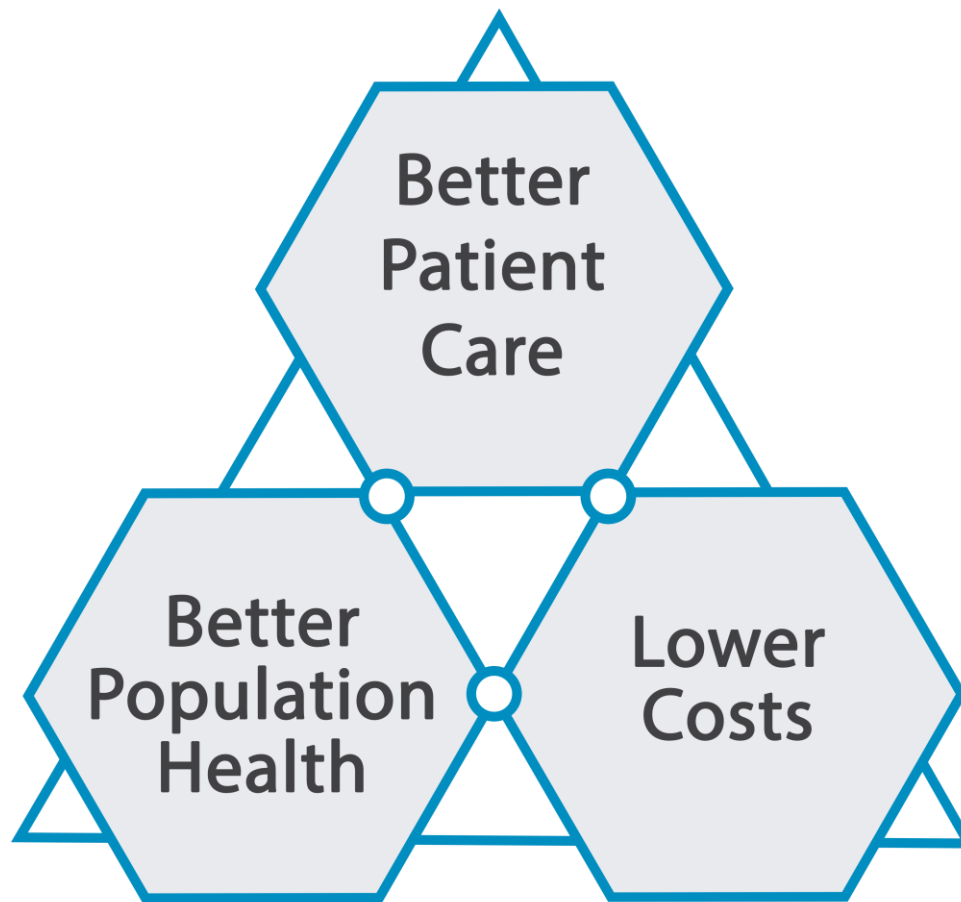
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Triple Aim

# Cross-Tasking

	Cardiac Health/ Million Hearts	Everybody with Diabetes Counts	Meaningful Use & Health Information Technology	Healthcare- Associated Infections	Healthcare- Acquired Conditions	Care Coordination	Value-based Purchasing & Physician Quality Reporting	Improving Adult Immunization Rates	Behavioral Health
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# atom Alliance and Medication Safety

## National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event Prevention



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion



<http://health.gov/hcq/pdfs/ADE-Action-Plan-508c.pdf>  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/workingforquality/index.html>



# atom Alliance Med Safety Starter Kit

## Medication Safety Workgroup

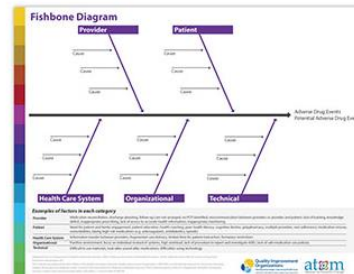
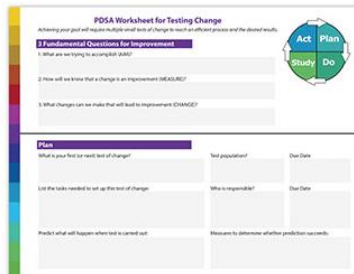
Starter Packet

Thank you for participating in the Medication Safety Workgroup. Enclosed are information and tools to help plan and implement your workgroup goals to improve medication safety and reduce Adverse Drug Events/Potential Adverse Drug Events (ADE/pADEs). This is provided for your convenience; however, feel free to use other tools.






### Inside: Resources and Tools

- Introduction: Improving Medication Safety in the Community Setting  
Goals, recruitment and collaboration, scope, population of focus, measures and evaluation
- Medication Safety Overview  
Background, key definitions, Aim statement, target population, objectives, key stakeholder groups, responsibilities
- Focusing on ADEs/pADEs: A Rationale
- Carrying Out the ADE Work  
Process steps, Learning and Action Networks, participant expectations
- Medication Safety Fact Sheet
- ADE/pADE Data Tracking Form  
ADE/pADE tracking form available in print and electronic format (we encourage electronic submission of data via the excel format provided)  
Instructions and medication specific measure information
- Quality Improvement Tools for Intervention work  
PDSA Rapid Cycle Improvement Worksheet  
Method for documenting intervention planning, implementation, assessment and spread  
Fishbone Diagram Worksheet - Root Cause Analysis (RCA)  
Method for identifying various causes of ADE/pADE within a setting and population  
SMART Goal Worksheet  
Method for defining your intervention goals using Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic

Download it here:  
<http://bit.ly/1L3qxqz>

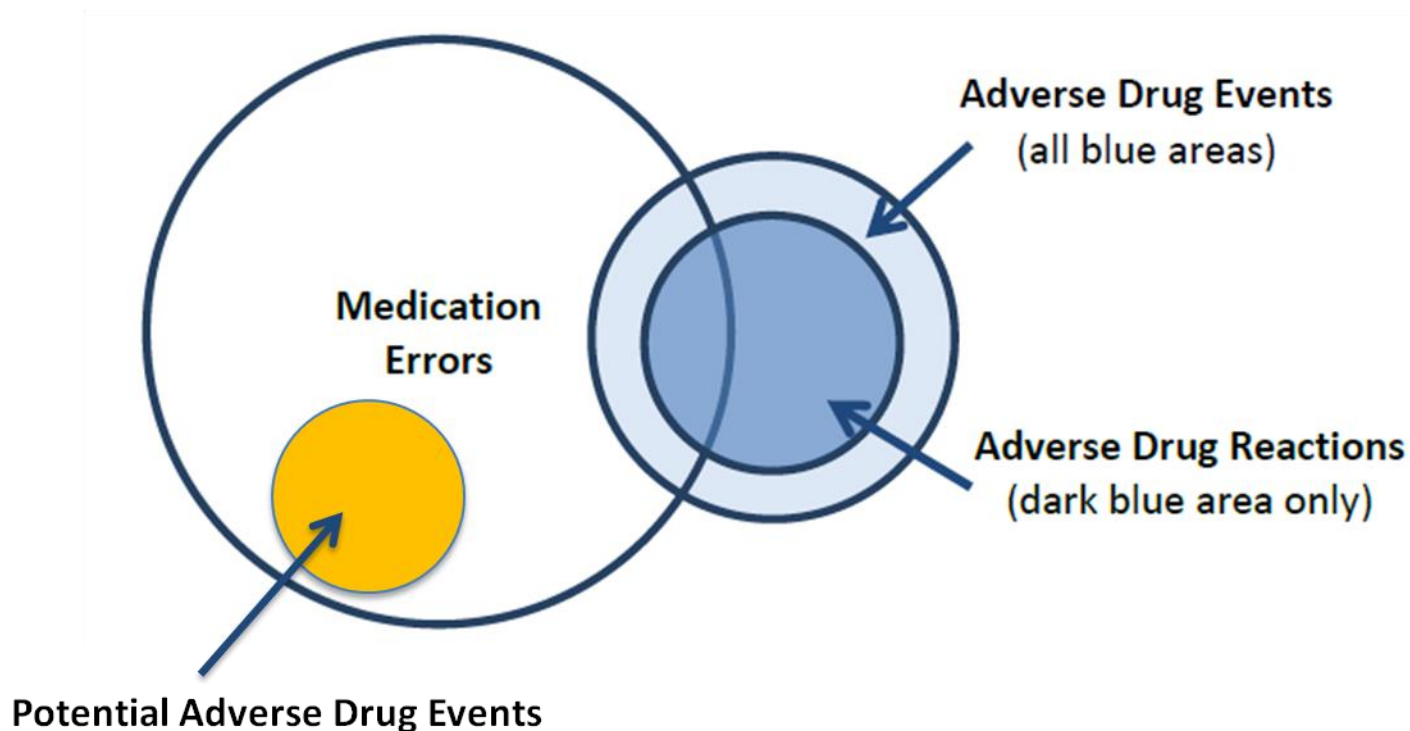


# Overall Medication Safety Goals

-  Improve patient safety by improving medication safety
-  Reduce and prevent ADEs/potential adverse drug events (pADEs)
-  Reduce preventable hospital admissions/readmissions associated with ADE/pADEs
-  Integrate Medication Therapy Management (MTM)
-  Improve health outcomes



# Defining ADEs and pADEs



*SOURCE: <http://health.gov/hcq/pdfs/ADE-Action-Plan-508c.pdf>  
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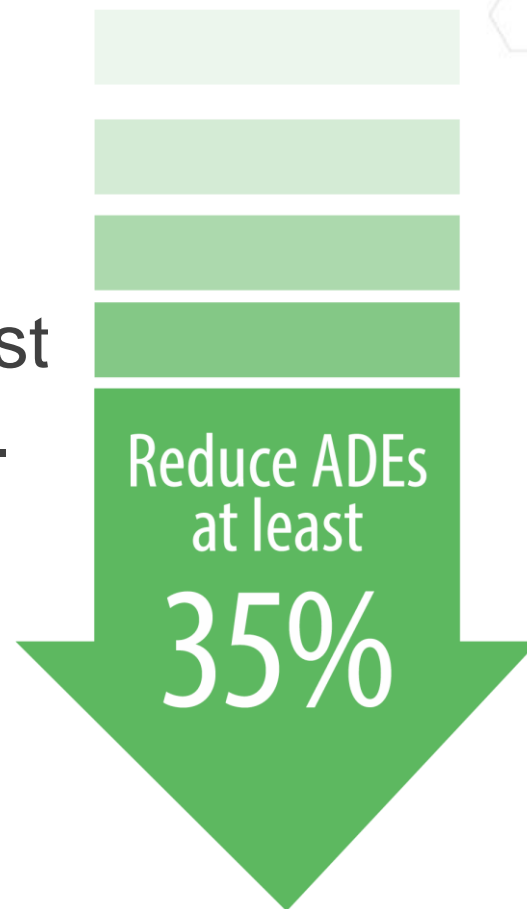
# Defining ADEs and pADEs (cont.)

Term	Definition	Example
<b>Adverse Drug Event (ADE)</b>	<u>INJURY</u> resulting from medical intervention related to a drug. Most are preventable.	Bleeding from Coumadin® overdose
<b>Potential Adverse Drug Event (pADE)</b>	Medication error that could potentially lead to ADE, stopped before harm can occur.	Patient has an order for a medication to which he/she is allergic, order changed before patient takes the medication.
<b>Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)</b>	Harm directly caused by a drug at usual doses. Causal link between the drug and the harm.	Allergic reaction
<b>Medication Error</b>	Inappropriate use of a drug that may or may not cause harm. Preventable.	Patient receives wrong medication

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# Aim Statement

Reduce ADEs among screened Medicare beneficiaries by at least 35 percent before July 31, 2018.



**by July 31, 2018**

# Target Population

**Medicare beneficiaries**





**Using three or more medications**

**One medication must be an anticoagulant, diabetes agent or opioid**



# Why Focus on Anticoagulants, Diabetes Agents and Opioids?

ADEs from these medications are

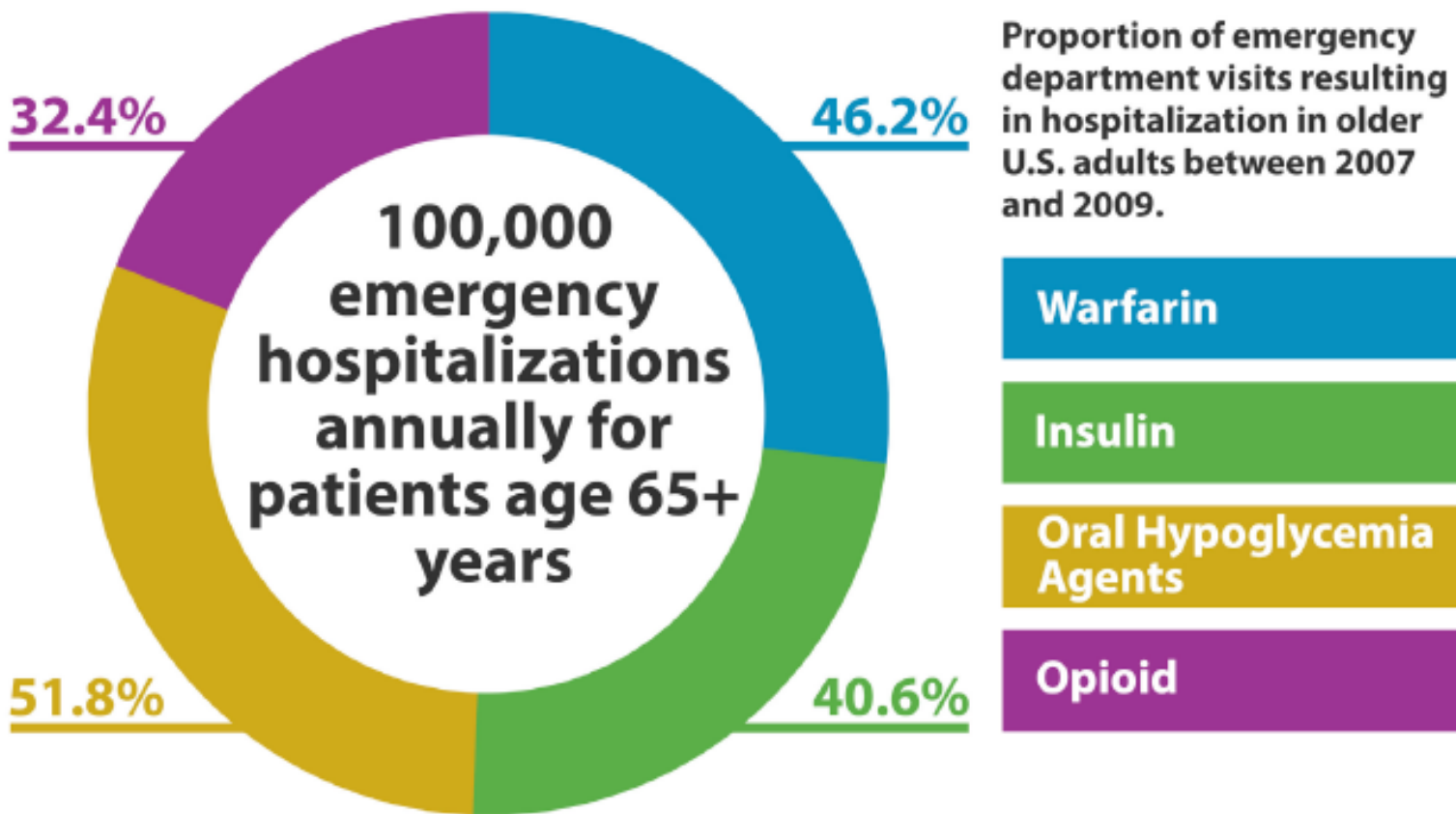
-  Common
-  Clinically significant
-  Measurable
-  Preventable



# Why Focus on Anticoagulants, Diabetes Agents and Opioids? (cont.)

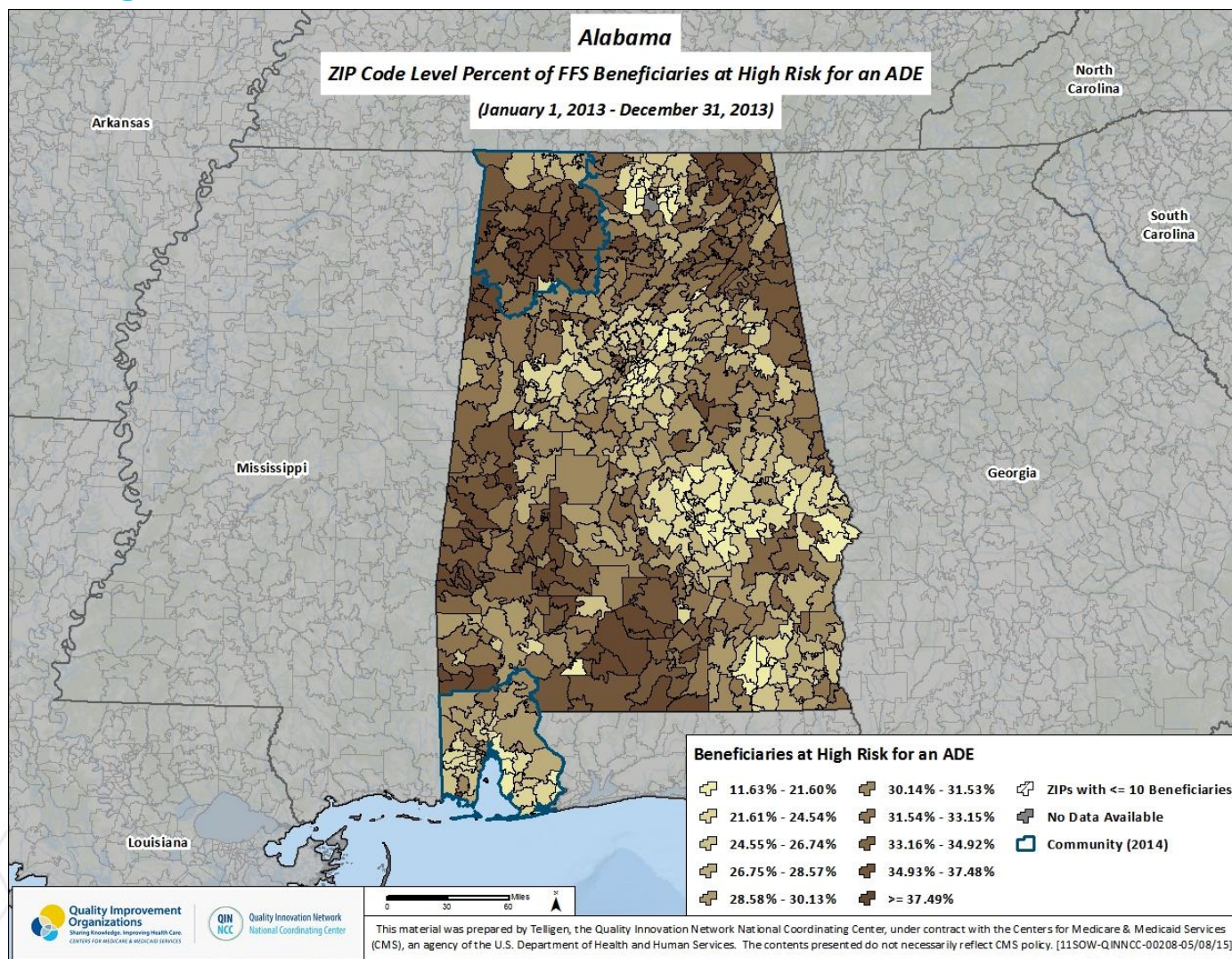
- ❖ Anticoagulants—consistently identified as the most common causes of ADEs across healthcare settings
- ❖ Diabetes agents—common causes of hypoglycemia across inpatient and outpatient health care settings
- ❖ Prescription opioids—related deaths are one of the nation's leading preventable public health problems

# Proportion of Emergency Room Visits



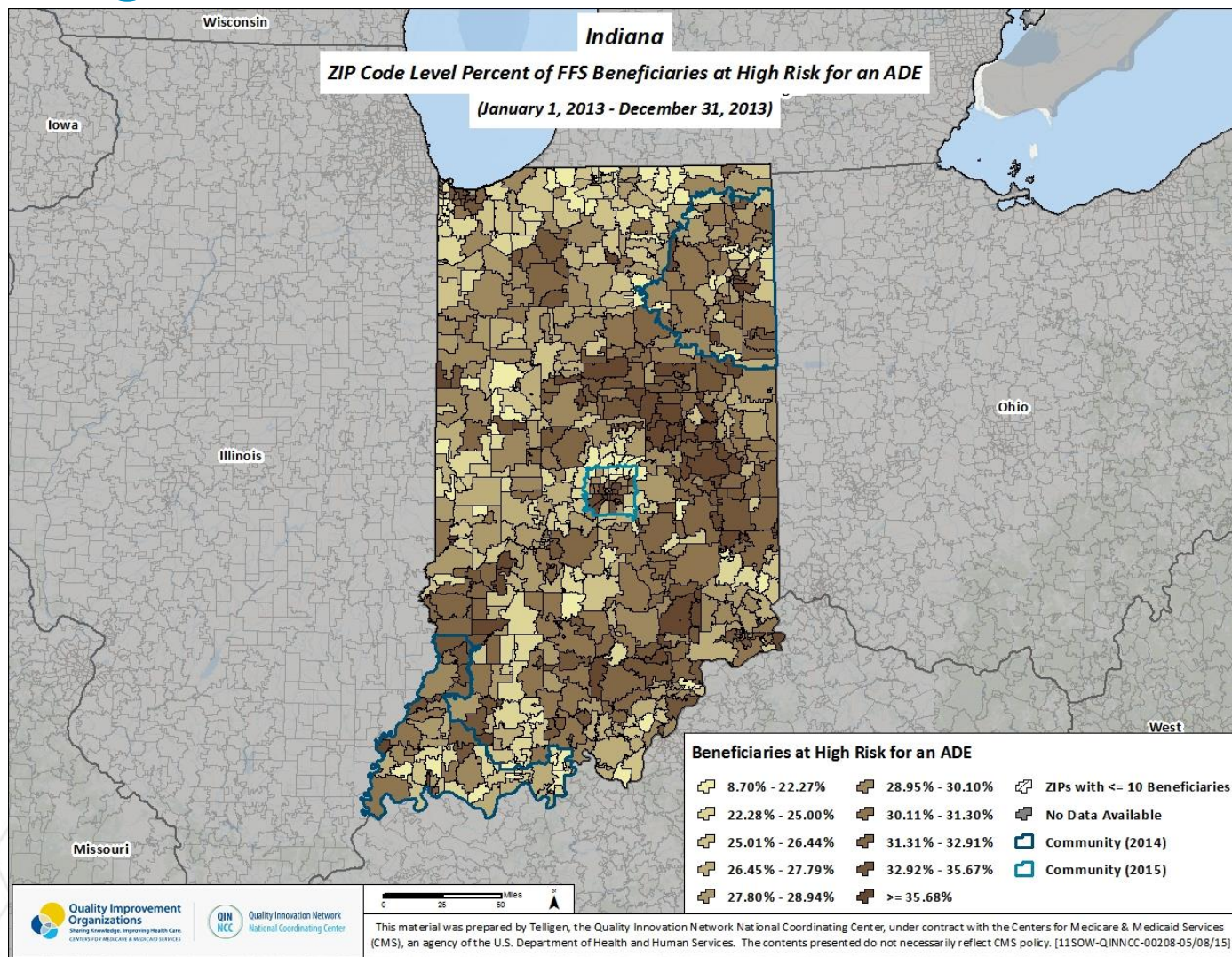
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# High Risk Beneficiaries: Alabama



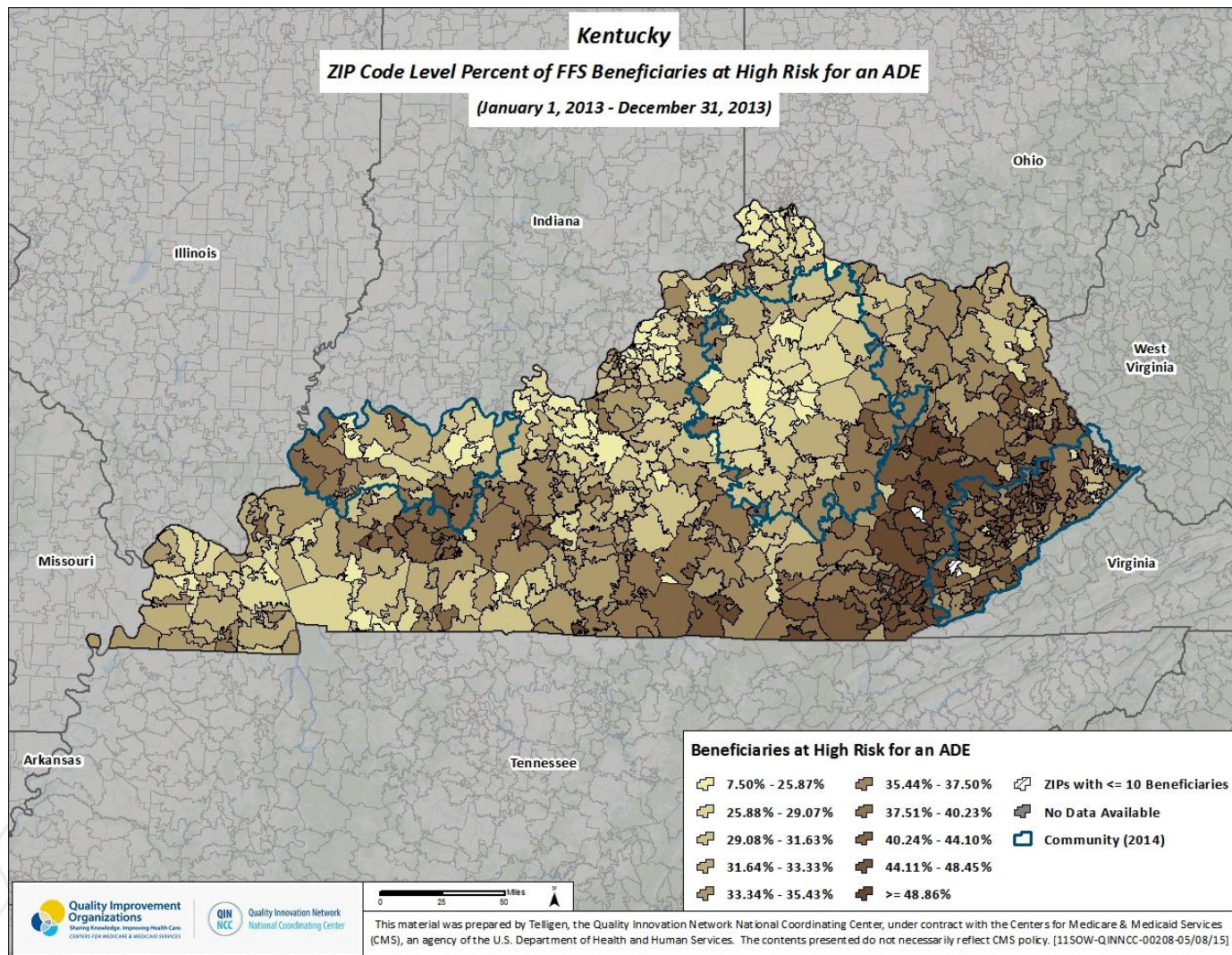


# High Risk Beneficiaries: Indiana



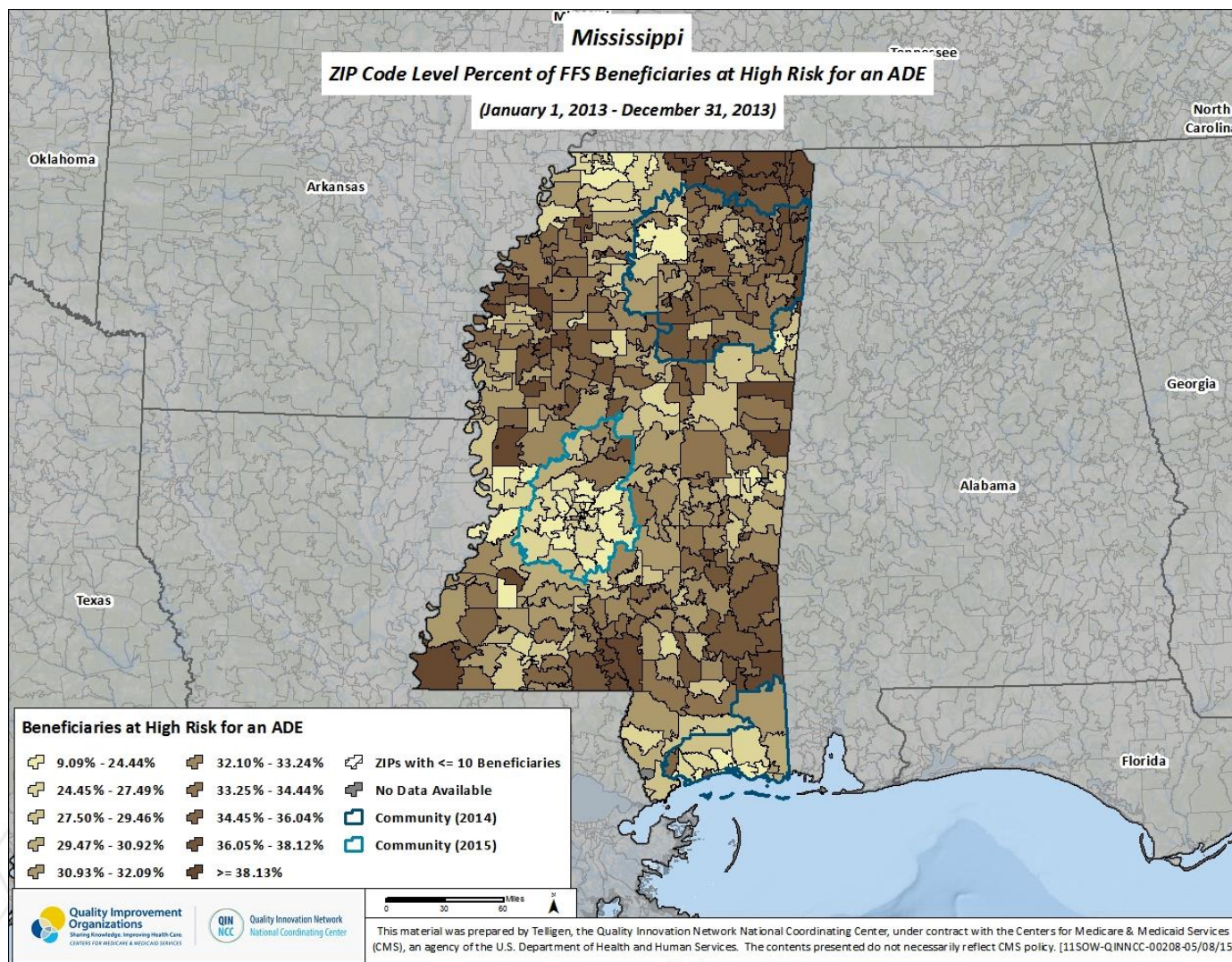


# High Risk Beneficiaries: Kentucky



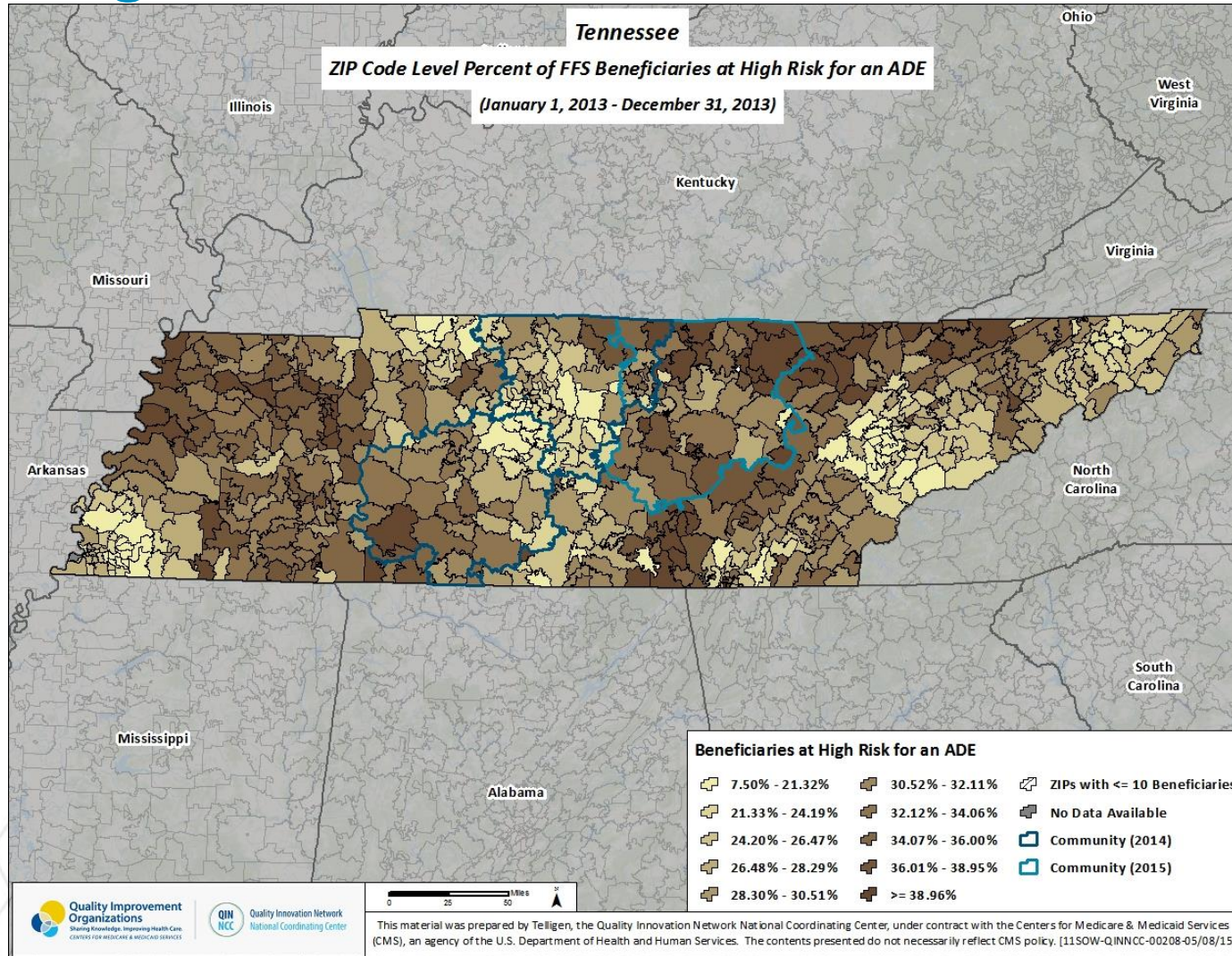


# High Risk Beneficiaries: Mississippi





# High Risk Beneficiaries: Tennessee




# Who Can Participate?

 Pharmacies including but not limited to

- Retail
- Long-term care
- Hospital
- Ambulatory care clinics


 Schools of pharmacy

 State and national pharmacy organizations

 Hospitals


 Home health agencies

 Nursing homes

 Medicare beneficiaries and family/caregivers

 Prescribers

 Healthcare payers

 Advocacy and service organizations

# Polling Question

Does your practice site currently track ADEs?

- A. Yes, electronically
- B. Yes, manually (e.g. post event chart review)
- C. Yes, combination or another method
- D. Not sure
- E. No

# Strategies and Interventions: Data Collection

## Adverse Drug Event/Potential Adverse Drug Event (ADE/pADE) Data Tracking Form

PLEASE SEE DIRECTIONS AND DRUG LISTS ON THE "INSTRUCTIONS" TAB BELOW.

Setting Name	Sample Nursing Home	Date	Jul-15
Data Collector's Name	Jane Doe	Email/phone	<a href="mailto:jane.doe@gmail.com">jane.doe@gmail.com</a>

Our setting is focusing on patients who take			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anticoagulants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antidiabetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Opioids	
Please indicate the number of patients at your setting that take at least three total medications AND at least one medication from the categories you indicated above.		Of those listed at left, please indicate the number of patients screened for ADEs and pADEs during this reporting period.	
100		50	

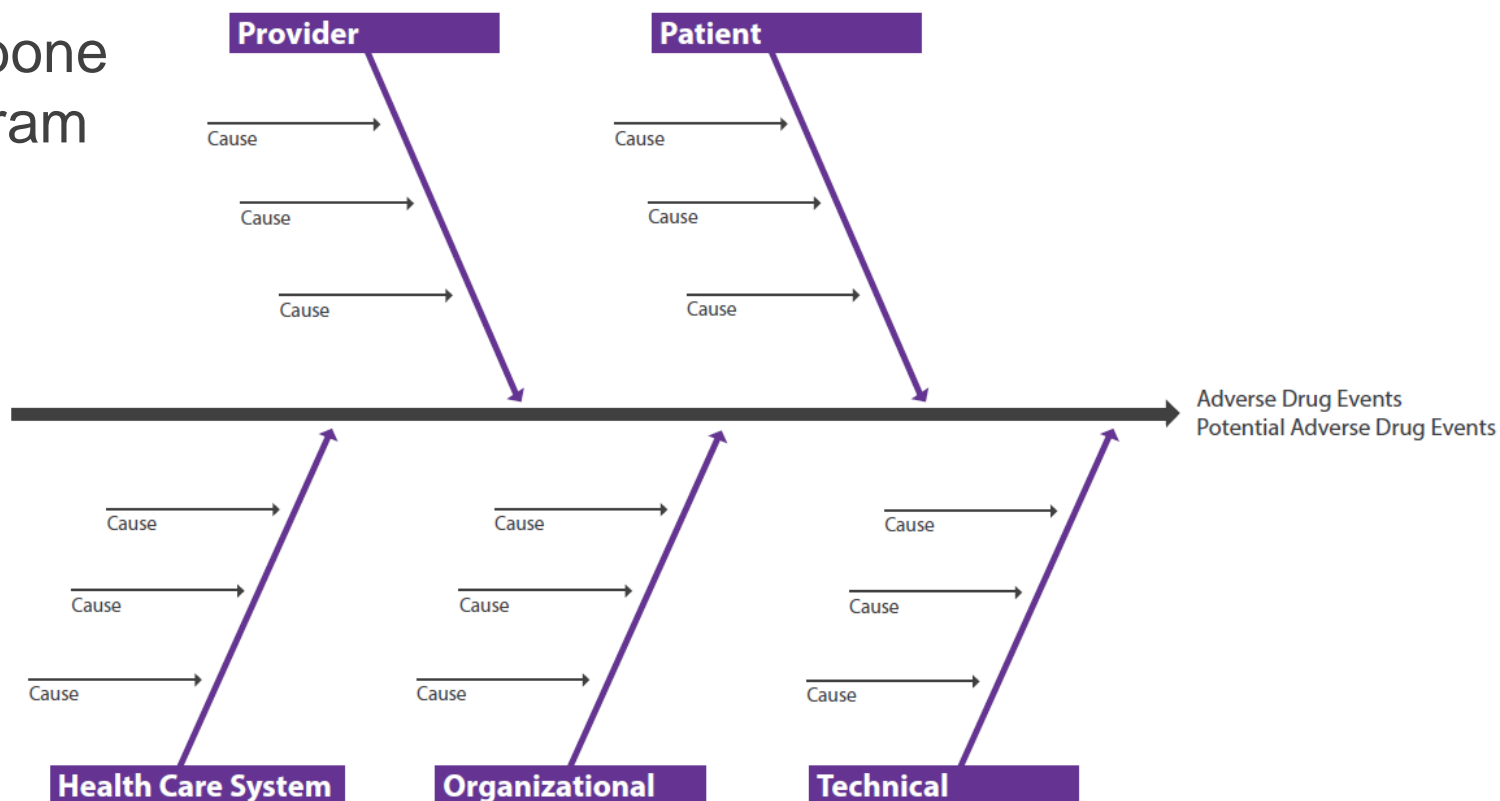
ADEs identified during this reporting period			
	Drug associated with ADE (can be any drug the patient is taking)	Type of injury (e.g. GI bleed, hypoglycemia, respiratory depression)	ADE associated with hospital readmission? (Y/N)
ADE 1	Warfarin	Intracranial hemorrhage	Y
ADE 2	Humalog	Hypoglycemia	N
ADE 3	Morphine	Oversedation	N
ADE 4	Penicillin	Rash	N
ADE 5			
ADE 6			

pADEs identified during this reporting period	
	Drug associated with pADE (can be any drug the patient is taking)
pADE 1	Glyburide
pADE 2	Xarelto
pADE 3	Oxycodone
pADE 4	Lisinopril
pADE 5	
pADE 6	



# Strategies and Interventions: Quality Improvement Tools

## Fishbone Diagram



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<http://health.gov/hcq/pdfs/ADE-Action-Plan-508c.pdf>



# Strategies and Interventions: Quality Improvement Tools *(cont.)*

Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA)  
cycle



# Pharmacist Perspective



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# Pharmacist Perspective



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# Coming Soon: Medication Safety Toolkit

- ✧ Evidence-based or proven best practice ADE prevention strategies to reduce and prevent ADEs
- ✧ Overall medication safety and specific resources for anticoagulants, diabetic agents and opioids
- ✧ Easy application in different care settings
- ✧ Easy implementation for rapid adoption and testing
- ✧ Best practices for medication reconciliation and MTM applicable to the community
- ✧ Measurable and achievable improvement goals

# Next Steps

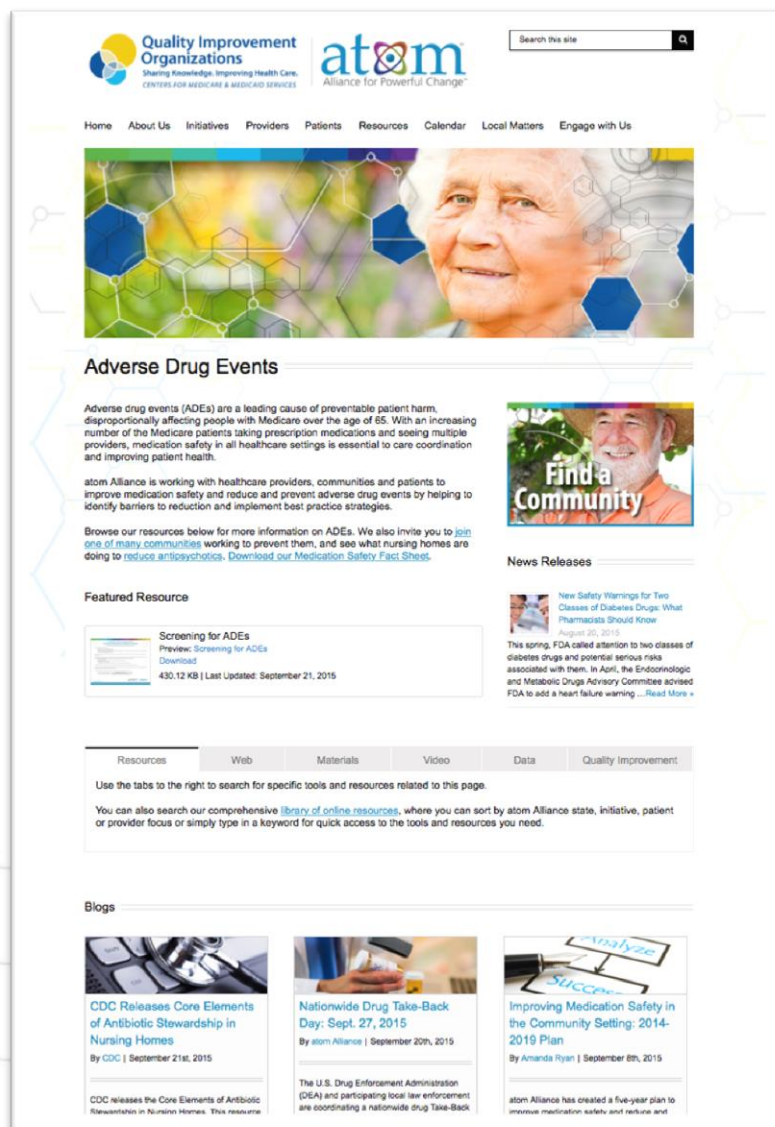
- Join your local care coordination community  
Find yours at  
<http://atomalliance.org/interactive-communities-map/>
- Talk with your local atom Alliance contact to see how we can support your medication safety efforts
- Join our multi-state advisory board

# Key Takeaways: Please Share in Chat

- 🌀 What is one thing you learned today?
- 🌀 What is one new or different step you can take to improve medication safety?



# Learn More



The screenshot shows the homepage of the atom Alliance website. At the top, there are logos for Quality Improvement Organizations and atom Alliance, along with a search bar. A navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Initiatives, Providers, Patients, Resources, Calendar, Local Matters, and Engage with Us. The main header features a large image of an elderly woman's face overlaid with a molecular structure. Below this, the 'Adverse Drug Events' section is highlighted, containing text about ADEs as a leading cause of preventable patient harm and a link to 'Find a Community'. To the right, there's a 'News Releases' section with a link to 'New Safety Warnings for Two Classes of Diabetes Drugs'. Below the main content, there's a 'Featured Resource' section with a link to 'Screening for ADEs'. At the bottom, there's a 'Blogs' section with three articles: 'CDC Releases Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes', 'Nationwide Drug Take-Back Day: Sept. 27, 2015', and 'Improving Medication Safety in the Community Setting: 2014-2019 Plan'.

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## Adverse Drug Events

Adverse drug events (ADEs) are a leading cause of preventable patient harm, disproportionately affecting people with Medicare over the age of 65. With an increasing number of the Medicare patients taking prescription medications and seeing multiple providers, medication safety in all healthcare settings is essential to care coordination and improving patient health.

atom Alliance is working with healthcare providers, communities and patients to improve medication safety and reduce and prevent adverse drug events by helping to identify barriers to reduction and implement best practice strategies.

Browse our resources below for more information on ADEs. We also invite you to [join one of many communities](#) working to prevent them, and see what nursing homes are doing to [reduce antipsychotics](#). [Download our Medication Safety Fact Sheet](#).

### Find a Community

#### News Releases

**New Safety Warnings for Two Classes of Diabetes Drugs: What Pharmacists Should Know**  
August 26, 2015

This spring, FDA called attention to two classes of diabetes drugs and potential serious risks associated with them. In April, the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee advised FDA to add a heart failure warning. [Read More](#)

#### Featured Resource

**Screening for ADEs**  
Preview: Screening for ADEs  
Download  
430.12 KB | Last Updated: September 21, 2015

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#### Blogs

**CDC Releases Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes**  
By CDC | September 21st, 2015

CDC releases the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes. This resource

**Nationwide Drug Take-Back Day: Sept. 27, 2015**  
By atom Alliance | September 20th, 2015

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and participating local law enforcement are coordinating a nationwide drug Take-Back

**Improving Medication Safety in the Community Setting: 2014-2019 Plan**  
By Amanda Ryan | September 8th, 2015

atom Alliance has created a five-year plan to improve medication safety and reduce and

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