



Contribution to Medication Safety in the Operating room during Preparation and Administration of Anesthetic Drugs

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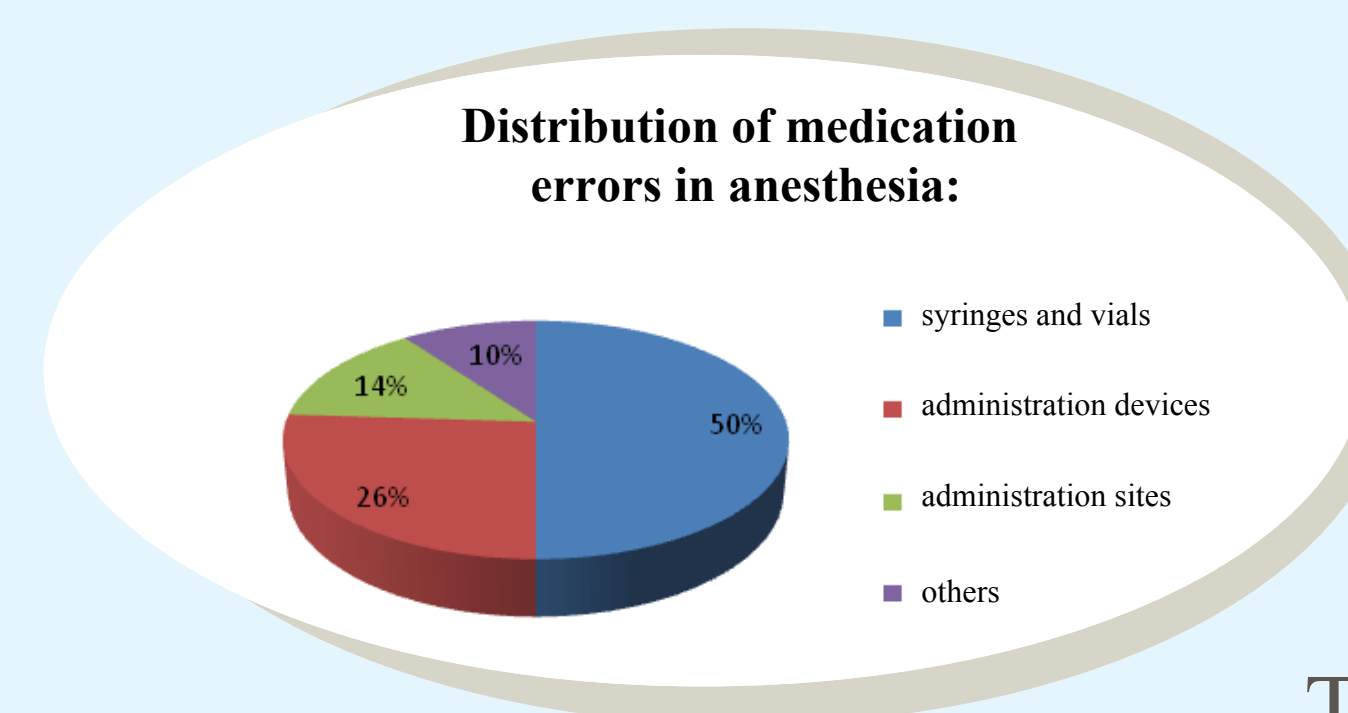
Introduction

Medication errors are not rare and they persist either on patient units or in the operating room.

Elimination of medication errors is possible and represents a huge opportunity to improve patient care.

Approximately 1% of medication errors actually cause patient harm.

It has been estimated that 1 medication error occurs for every 130 to 900 anesthetics.



Objectives

This study was made in order to improve the process of drug preparation and administration in the operating room of our institution.

Materials/Methods

Our work was based on Health Failure and Effect Analysis(HFMEA) in order to detect all kinds of failures concerning preparation and administration of anesthesia drugs in the OR.

Each failure obtained a RPN (risk priority number) where the highest RPN failures were analysed.

RPN= Occurrence rate (O) x Severity rating (S) x Detection rating (D)

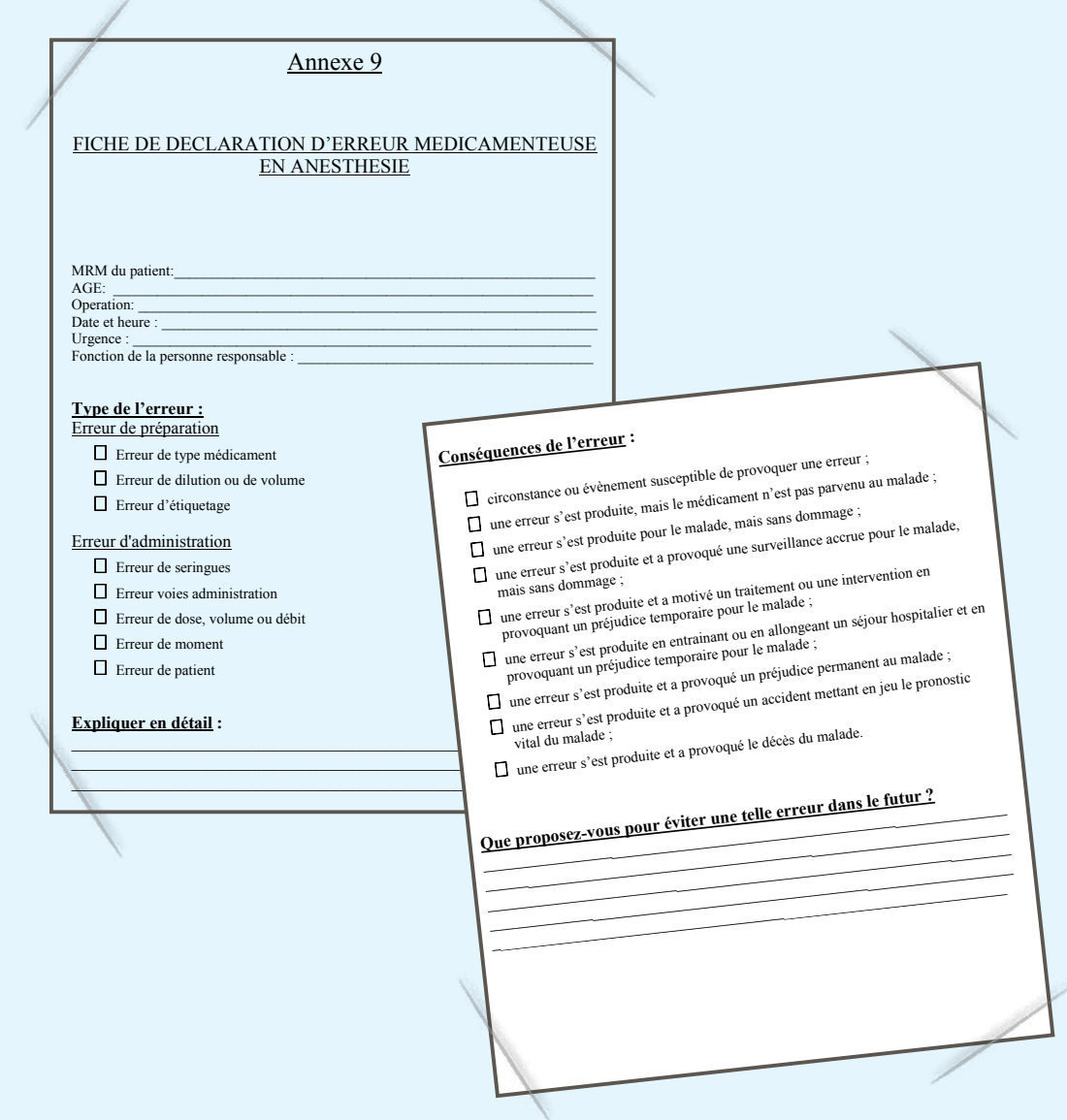
1	Process Step Number				
2	Potential Failure Mode				
3	Potential Cause(s)				
4	Severity				
5	Probability				
6	Hazard Score				
7	Decision (Proceed or Stop)				
8	Action (Eliminate, Control or Accept)				
9	Description of Action				
10	Outcome Measure				
11	Person Responsible				
12	Management				

Results

Preparation errors are mainly due to the availability of several concentrations for the same medication ,the emergency situations and the absence of protocols.

Administration errors are mainly due to the bad labeling of syringes and the absence of double check before administration.

Based on these results, an action plan was established encouraging culture for reporting errors,elaboration of different protocols, staff orientation and organisation of emergency situations.



Conclusion

Is our action plan going to decrease the incidence and the impact of medication errors in our operating room? A reevaluation of our tables is to be done after 1 year.



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