

# Your dedicated assistant for in-hospital medication management





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Serious complications can occur during inpatient care and readmissions due to inaccurate information about a patient's prior or new prescription regimen, paperbased processes, a lack of transparency in medication management, and a lack of decision support and knowledge-based guidance. Patient safety depends on the coordination and collaboration of all care workers.

Better Meds facilitates multidisciplinary coordination between doctors, pharmacists, and nurses.

It provides doctors with safer electronic medication prescribing which is supported by feedback from pharmacists and, with the help of a clear medication administration overview, nurses no longer have to worry about the accuracy or type of medication they need to administer.

For a faster discharge, Better Meds can be connected to electronic discharge software (with our FHIR API) in order to speed up the discharge process and shorten any waiting time during a patient's discharge.



## **Better Meds's Benefits**

**"WE HAVE BEEN USING PAPER DRUG CHARTS FOR 30 PLUS** YEARS. WE CHANGED TO **A COMPUTER SYSTEM IN** JUST ONE NIGHT AND WE MANAGED IT!"

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### Easier and safer prescribing

Better Meds uses dm+d natively, which means that prescribers can easily find and prescribe medications on all levels - from only defining an active medicinal ingredient or substance (the VTM level), to choosing a specific medication with brand and strength details (the AMP level).

The prescribing process is supported by order sets which can be created on an organisational level, patient level, or user level. This makes the system highly flexible for each user, and adaptable for each patient. Users and institutions can create their own groups of commonly used medications and their own protocols, which can simplify the prescribing process in a safe way. And, to make it easier for users to find the appropriate medicine in the order set library, an order-set search feature is also available.

### **Easy integration** with the EMR

Better Meds is designed as a standalone solution, but it can also be embedded in the existing Electronic Patient Record System (EPR). The stand-alone version includes Better Meds and a lightweight clinical portal with an allergy module.

Better Meds can be integrated with medication-related decision-support systems as well as the hospital's laboratory and pharmacy for faster and easier medication supply management and delivery of medications to wards.

> *"REALLY* EASY TO USE. SIMPLE!"



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## Less mistakes. Unity of data.

Using paper is a risk factor in patient care, as mistakes can occur due to illegible prescriptions, transcribing errors, or even the loss of a paper chart. It also slows things down. Now, if a patient returns to the hospital, doctors can see that patient's prescriptions from the previous discharge. This speeds up the creation of the patient's medication record upon re-admission.

# Improved care coordination

Throughout in-hospital treatment all involved in the care provided – nurses, clinical pharmacists, and doctors – have access to a patient's medication record and can add, change, or revise the treatment being provided in the system based on their level of authority.

## Clarity

The discharge summary shows a clear history of all changes that have occurred during the patient's hospital stay, making it easier for the patient's primary care doctor to understand the clinical care path which was undertaken in the hospital. When connected to the hospital's electronic discharge system, medication discharge prescriptions from Better Meds can be added directly to the discharge summary letter. The patient discharge process is thus optimised, enabling the patient to leave the hospital sooner with a clear overview of his or her current medications. enabling the patient to leave the hospital sooner with a clear overview of his current medications.



BUILDING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE PATIENT SAFETY COMES FIRST

"IT REALLY ISN'T SCARY, AND IT'S SO MUCH EASIER THAN TRYING TO READ SOME DR'S HANDWRITING"

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## **Better Meds Key Features**



#### Medication Reconciliation and Summary

- ✓ captures prescriptions from different sources
- ✓ creates a medication list on admission
- reconciles the prescription list upon discharge



#### **Inpatient Prescribing**

- the support

   of paediatric
   prescriptions;
   simple and complex
   IV prescriptions
- an audit log of prescriptions and changes for improved transparency
- ✓ titration
- real-time warnings when connected to a decisionsupport system



#### **Allergy Module**

 increased safety by means of allergy-related medication warnings



#### **Order Sets**

- $\checkmark$  organisational
- ✓ user related
- ✓ patient related
- ✓ a search option for order sets

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#### **Pharmacy Integration**

- a decrease in the number of steps needed for medication resupply
- enabled medication resupply requests from the medication administration record

**Discharge Summary** 

a clear overview

of medications on

an audit log of all

admission, as well as

stopped, suspended,

and new medications

medication changes



#### Medication Administration Record

- ✓ a clear timeline of upcoming medication administrations
- the creation of daily medication administration plans
- ✓ automated task generation
- ✓ barcode scanning
- $\checkmark$  witnessing
- medication titration



#### Clinical Pharmacist Review

- ✓ the elimination of time-loss due to patient record searches
- ✓ structured, paperless pharmacist review reports
- ✓ faster and improved communication and collaboration for medical teams



#### Outpatient Prescribing

- creating outpatient prescriptions
- ✓ printing FP10s and custom-made forms
- ✓ review, confirm, reject or suspend requests
- reissuing, modifying, and deleting created prescriptions.





We take care of the medication managementrelated workflow, so you can focus on the best possible patient care.



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