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The Challenges of Weight-based Dosing in the Field:

How You Can Help Your Emergency Personnel

Obstacles to Weight-based Dosing in the Field

Need to perform manual math calculations

Often no backup to double-check correct dosing

Requires fast action in acute care situations

Factors Contributing to Weight-based Dosing Errors

- Inability to weigh patient
- Inaccurate documentation of patient's weight because of incorrect or missing entry of unit of measure
- Failure to correctly convert between pounds and kilograms
- Inaccurate estimate of weight

Growing Responsibilities of EMS Personnel

Failure to adequately perform any of these key tasks can result in drug administration errors

Knowing medication administration protocols

Checking and stocking of emergency vehicle

Ensuring proper quantity of each medication in right location in vehicle

Ensuring medications are labelled properly and not expired

Despite the Dedication and Competency of EMS Personnel, Errors Still Occur

35%

Of prehospital pediatric medication administrations in Michigan involved a dosing error, despite EMS pediatric drug dosing reference implementation

Survey of 352 Paramedics

9.1%

REPORTED COMMITTING A MEDICATION ERROR IN THE PRIOR YEAR

2 out of 3

OF THE ERRORS WERE DOSE RELATED

Survey of 1000 Paramedics on Pediatric EMS

42.8% reported familiarity with a case in which pediatric patient was given incorrect dose of medication

35.5% indicated "I don't get a weight. I just give a smaller dose."

58.1% believed they didn't receive enough training in pediatric care

47.6% didn't have enough exposure to pediatric patients to maintain competency

Survey of Pediatric Patients Suffering Seizures

49% of patients did not receive the correct dose of benzodiazepines

64% of charts did not include patient weights

89% of errors were from underdosing

SafeDose® EMS Leverages Technology to Help Emergency Personnel

Mobile app designed especially for EMS professionals

Eliminates human error manual math calculations in medication dosing

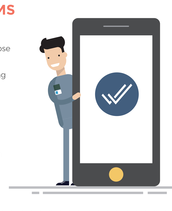
Reduction in average medication preparation time by 8 minutes per event

Enter weight or Broselow Color

SafeDose® quickly returns proper administration dose

Benefits of SafeDose® EMS

- Accelerates response time in the field
- Always delivers the correct medication dose
- Provides 100% reliability
- Faster than any other weight-based dosing system for children and adults
- Provides a valuable double-check for calculating medication doses
- Enables easy access to information and drugs you must administer every day
- Reduces average medication preparation time by 8 minutes



SafeDose® EMS Key Features

Includes medications approved by state registries

Provides emergency related medicines for adults and children

Print codesheets for resuscitation, RSI, seizures, and anaphylaxis for offline use

Automatically time stamps and creates log entry of each medication delivery

Automates calculations for weight-based doses

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