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**Common Causes of Medication Errors**

- Drug incorrectly prescribed by doctor
- Drug incorrectly read or prepared by pharmacist
- Wrong drug | Missed dose
- Drug taken at wrong time | Incorrect dose | Doubled dose
- Drug given for longer or shorter durations than intended
- Drugs incorrectly recorded
- Drug taken past expiration date
- Drug storage errors (e.g. not refrigerated, exposed to light/moisture)
- Counterfeit drug (purchased online from unreliable source)
- Poor handwriting; confusion between drugs with similar name, color, or shape
- Misuse of zeroes and decimal points; confusion of metric and other units
- Inappropriate abbreviations
- Inappropriate labeling as a drug is prepared and repackaged into smaller units
- Interruptions that can distract health professionals from their medical tasks.

**TIP:** Ask your physician to include the purpose for the drug (the indication) along with drug on a prescription — to reduce errors caused by drugs with similar names.

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