

Table 1**Categorization of Medication Error Severity Levels**

Category	Description	Level
A	Circumstances or events that have the capacity to cause error	Intercepted
B	An error occurred that did not reach the patient (An "error of omission" does reach the patient)	
C	An error occurred that reached the patient but did not cause patient harm	No Harm
D	An error occurred that reached the patient and required monitoring to confirm that it resulted in no harm to the patient and/or required intervention to preclude harm	
E	An error occurred that may have resulted in temporary harm to patient and required intervention	Harm
F	An error occurred that may have resulted in temporary harm to patient and required prolonged hospitalization	
G	An error occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in permanent patient harm	
H	An error occurred that required intervention necessary to sustain life	
I	An error occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in the patient's death	