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**Polypharmacy Quality Use of Medicines Indicators  
& Patient Reported Experience Measures  
for Australian Hospitals: Summary List**

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## Polypharmacy QUM Indicator Summary

| No.   | QUM Indicator   | QUM domain addressed by the indicator                               | Page |
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| <b>Identification of older patients at high risk of medication-related harm</b>                       |   |   |      |
| 8.1   | Percentage of older patients that are appropriately assessed for risk of inappropriate polypharmacy.  | Judicious selection<br>Appropriate choice                           | 7    |
| 8.2   | Percentage of older patients that are appropriately assessed for risk of medication-related falls.  | Judicious selection<br>Appropriate choice                           | 13   |
| 8.3   | Percentage of older patients that are appropriately assessed for risk of medication-related impairment of cognitive and/or physical function.   | Judicious selection<br>Appropriate choice                           | 19   |
| <b>Intervention: a hospital-based medication review (HBMR)</b>  |   |   |      |
| 8.4   | Percentage of older patients at high risk of medication-related harms that receive a hospital-based medication review, and, if applicable a deprescribing plan.   | Judicious selection<br>Appropriate choice<br>Safe and effective use | 26   |
| <b>Optimising discharge communications and continuation of medication care at transitions of care</b> |   |   |      |
| 8.5   | Percentage of older patients at high risk of medication-related harms with a recommendation for a post-discharge medication review, when hospital-based medication review is not performed.   | Judicious selection<br>Safe and effective use                       | 30   |
| 8.6   | Percentage of older patients whose discharge summaries contain a current, accurate and comprehensive list of medicines, including explanations for any medication therapy changes and, if applicable, details of a deprescribing plan.    | Appropriate choice<br>Safe and effective use                        | 34   |
| 8.7   | Percentage of older patients who receive a current, accurate and comprehensive medication list, including explanations for any medication changes and, if applicable, details of a deprescribing plan, at the time of hospital discharge. | Safe and effective use  | 38   |

## Polypharmacy Patient Reported Experience Measures Summary

| No. | PREM Question   | Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights* | Page |
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| 1   | Do you know whether any of your medicines were reduced or stopped while you were in hospital?   | Partnership                              | 42   |
| 2   | I was involved as much as I wanted in making decisions about reducing or stopping one or more of my medicines while I was in hospital.      | Partnership                              | 42   |
| 3   | I am satisfied with the level of information provided to me about reducing or stopping one or more of my medicines while I was in hospital. | Information                              | 42   |

\*Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care: [Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights \(second edition\)](#)



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