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## Presentation Outline

- Background and objectives
- The SMM programme
- Progress after 15 months
- Lessons learnt



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## Background

- National Quality Improvement Programmes
  - Safe Medication Management (SMM)
  - Optimising the Patient's Journey
  - Management of Healthcare Incidents
  - Infection Prevention and Control
  - National Mortality Review Systems
- Overseen by Ministerial appointed Quality Improvement Committee (QIC)



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## Background – SMM Programme

- 2002 Report
  - 150 died, 400 permanently disabled, 3,500 temporary disabled per year in NZ hospitals from medication errors
  - 40% of hospital spending on “adverse events”
  - 67% of hospital spending on adverse events were from “preventable adverse events”

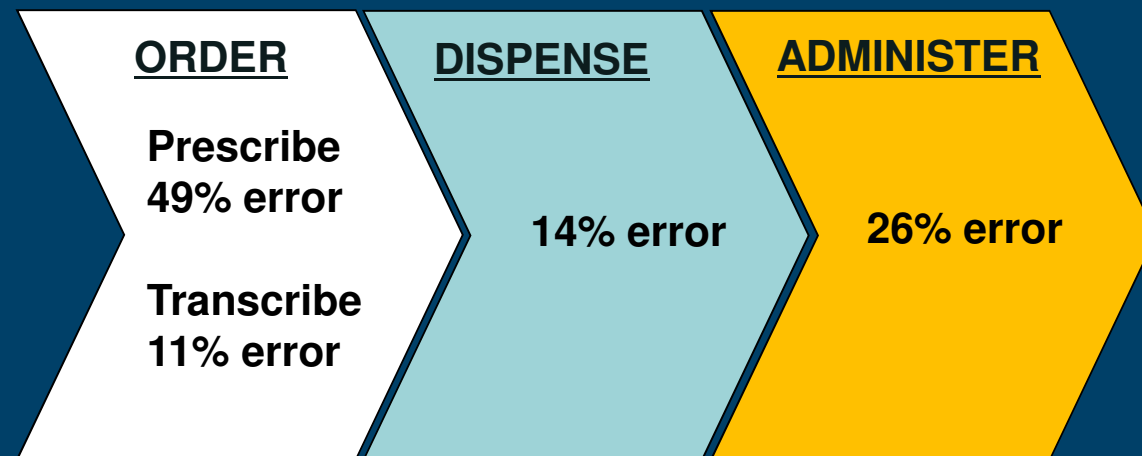


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# Background - SMM Programme

- Errors in the hospital medication use process



\*\* Extract from the Safe Medication Management Programme report on the Pathway and Barriers to Unit Dose Packaging



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## Background – NPSA 2009 report

- 811,746 reported incidents
- 72,482 medication incidents
  - 76% acute care
  - 96% no or low harm
  - 100 deaths or severe harm
- Serious harm medication incidents
  - 41% administration
  - 32% prescribing
  - 71% related to unclear/wrong dose or frequency, wrong medicine and omitted/delayed medicines



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# Objective of SMM Programme

- SMM is a 4 year Programme
  - Improving processes and system
  - Aimed at reducing errors & harm
  - Rollout to all public hospitals
- Launched in June 2008 (15 months)



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# The SMM programme

- Clusters:
  - Medication Chart / E-Prescribing
  - Medication Reconciliation
  - Unit Dose/ Bedside Verification
  - Standardise and Link Systems
- Foundation Workstreams:
  - Legislation
  - Primary Care/Secondary Interface
  - Evaluation, Standards & Common Language
  - Culture
  - Training, Education & Support
  - Governance (Programme & Handover)
  - Communications





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# Progress

- Participation
  - Multi-disciplinary working groups – more than 60 clinicians from 21 DHBs
  - Pharmacists, doctors and nurses seconded
  - Consumer and Primary Care representation
- Communications
  - Strategy and toolkit
  - Sector stakeholder engagement
  - Website
- Medication Chart
  - Medication charting standards finalised
  - 1st in a series of national medicines charts finalised and to recommend 2 x DHB for trialling (Sept to Nov 09)



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# Progress

- ePrescribing
  - 2 hospitals to trial ePrescribing
  - Legislation barriers identified
  - Pathway to remove barriers clearly identified
  - Clinicians working group to define standards
- Medicine Reconciliation
  - 5 hospitals already doing MR
    - Targeted patient groups / services
    - Some commonality, no formal standards
    - 2 hospitals interested at eMedRec solution
  - MR standards approved
  - Building experienced resource team & toolkit
  - 5 more hospitals to implement MR by December 09



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## Progress

- Unit Dose Packaging / Bedside Verification

- Report recommends

- advocacy programme for product barcoding
- adoption of global standards for barcoding and product identifiers
- Medsafe support contingent on an agreed standard
- PHARMAC support contingent on minimal or no cost impact and where compliance is mandated utilisation must be possible, especially UDP
- Clarify relationship between product barcoding and the Medicines Terminology (NZULM)

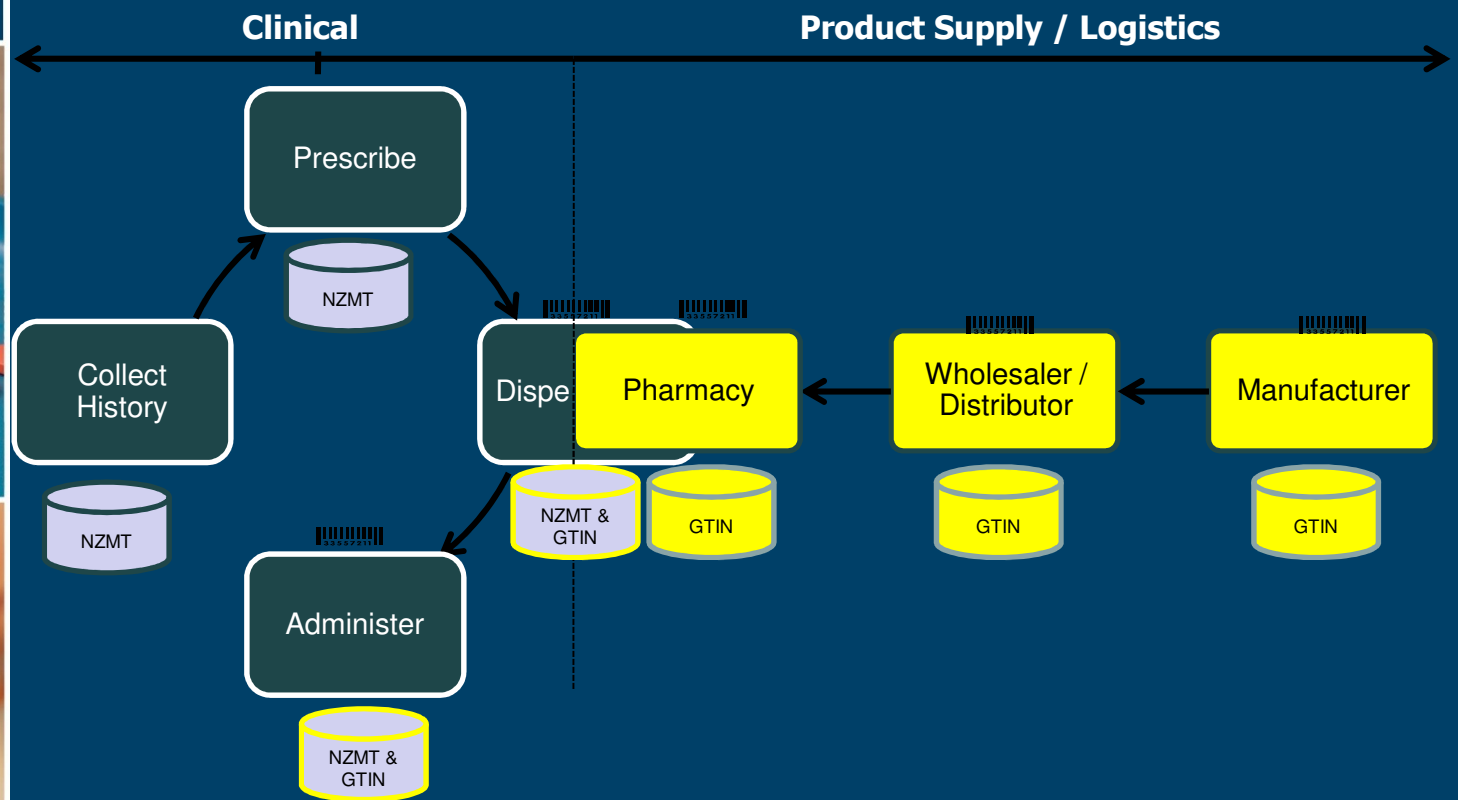


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# Progress

- One barcode can be used from manufacturer to the bedside yet support both clinical and product supply needs





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## Progress

- Standardise and link systems
  - Stocktake of current disparate systems (hospitals, primary care, pharmacies)
  - Identify current “missing” links
  - Priority driven by what clinical problems to be solved
- Common language –
  - NZ Universal List of Medicines
  - Adverse Drug Event (ADE)



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# Progress

- Primary / Secondary Care
  - Part of the medication management continuum
  - Link to eDischarges and eReferrals collaborative
    - incorporate medication management requirements
    - national standards endorsement
  - Primary Care network established – incl. General Practice, Pharmacy, Aged Care initially
- Governance
  - Clinical involvement / engagement
  - Interim clinical leadership panel
  - Long term governance structure



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# Lessons Learnt

## Environment for Success

- Organisational culture, support and commitment
- Strong leadership (multiple levels)
- Communication & change management
- Commitment to “standards” approach
- Leverage pilot learnings with others



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## Lessons Learnt

- Approach - incremental change
  - Stabilising foundations
  - Pathway of practical steps towards the vision
  - Iterative steps (do, feedback and modify)
- Problems properly identified & baseline measured, evaluation criteria
- Agree processes and standards before looking at solutions.
- Effect change by – Inspiring, guiding, engaging, advice & direct assistance, influence networks





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# Approach – incremental change



Incremental Steps

Start simple and spread, then add depth



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