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Let's Start with a List...

Paula Wilson, Registered Nurse at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York writes:

"As home care nurses know, helping a person in the community manage their medications can be a daunting task. When a patient is transitioning from the hospital or community into home care, the chances of error increase especially if there is a change in the regime. There are so many variables that need to be addressed. These include the hospital discharge list, the prescriptions, and bottles of prescribed and over the counter medicines in the home.



Another significant document, however, is the patients own current medication list. Having a personal list is especially important for those patients who have multiple chronic conditions and are managed by several different prescribing physicians. When a current medication list is available, it makes the reconciliation process clearer and easier to identify potential problems. At times however, one is not available."

[Click here](#) to continue reading Paula's post.



New Best Practices Package is Released

The Home Health Quality Improvement Campaign (HHQI) has just released the *Medication Management* Best Practice Intervention Package (BPIP). If your agency has already registered to participate in the campaign, simply [click here](#) and then login to access the BPIP.

If your agency is not yet participating in the campaign, [click here](#) to register for free and access the BPIP. Agencies can register at any time during the campaign. To learn more about the benefits of participating in the campaign, [click here](#).

Last chance to register!



The last day to register for the next CHAMP [Geriatric Medication Management](#) and [Pain Management](#) courses is **Monday, May 3, 2010**. Frontline nurse managers earn CE credits while applying practical, evidence-based tools. The courses are:

- Easy to access – anywhere, anytime
- Self-paced – start and stop at your convenience
- All virtual – no need to travel!

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The CHAMP Blog Corner

If you missed last week's guest blog post by **Dennee Frey, CHAMP Pharmacy Expert**, [click here](#) to read her post. Dennee discusses managing medications through collaboration.



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