



HEALTH QUALITY & SAFETY  
COMMISSION NEW ZEALAND

*Kupu Taurangi Hauora o Aotearoa*

# Medication Safety – Rising to The Challenge

Regional medication safety workshops 2017

# Patient Safety Week – Annual Focus

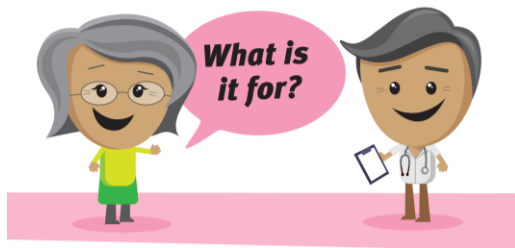
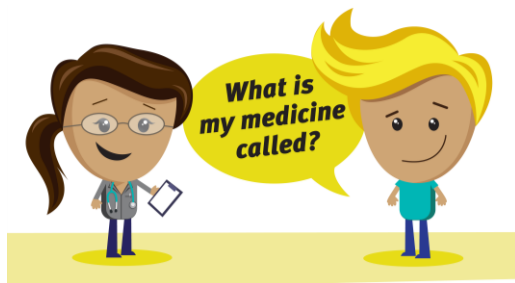
- Theme           **Medication Safety - 2017**
- Date             **5 - 11 November**

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## Three questions



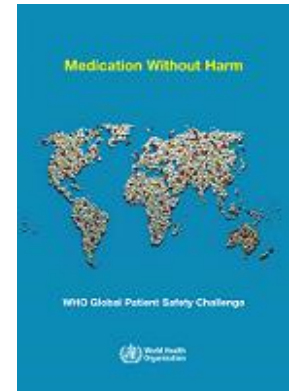
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- Empowering consumers
- Improving health literacy
- Foundations to build on
- Conversation starters
- Lead on to other questions
  - *Side effects*
  - *Duration of treatment*
  - *If I don't take my medicine*
  - ....

# WHO 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Patient Safety Challenge

- ‘Medication without harm’
- Five year global challenge
- To reduce severe, avoidable medication-associated harm
  - by 50%
  - over the next 5 years
  - in all countries

<http://www.who.int/patientsafety/medication-safety/en/>



# Global Challenge / Our Challenge

## Targeting key areas

1. High risk medicines
  - Medicines with a high risk of harm if used improperly
2. Polypharmacy
  - Patients who take multiple medication for co-morbidities
3. Transitions of care
  - Patients going through transitions of care

# The Commission's strategic priorities


To be successful the Commission will make improvement across four strategic priorities over 2017-21



Improving  
consumer/  
whānau  
experience



Improving  
health equity



Reducing  
harm and  
mortality



Reducing  
unwarranted  
variation in  
patterns  
of care

# What should be New Zealand's response?

- What should be the priority areas for New Zealand in responding to the WHO Global Challenge?
- What should the Commission focus on to facilitate this?