Medication Safety – Rising to The Challenge

Regional medication safety workshops 2017
Patient Safety Week – Annual Focus

• Theme  Medication Safety - 2017
• Date  5 - 11 November
Three questions

- 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 3rd 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?