

# Medication Reconciliation

## What is Medication Reconciliation?

It is a formal process comparing:

An accurate and comprehensive medication history from the patient and other sources (called the Best Possible Medication History)



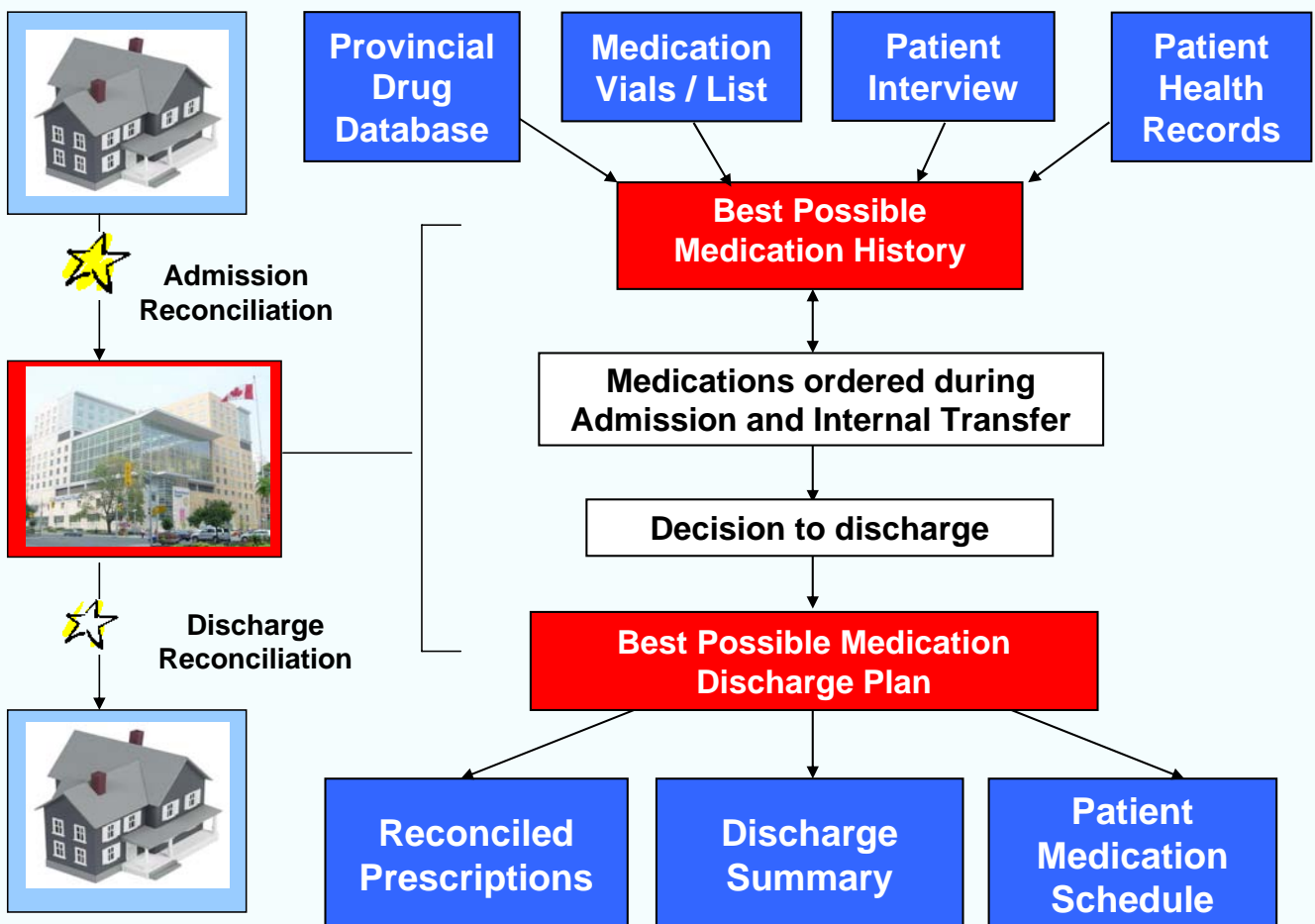
Medications prescribed at Admission, Transfer and Discharge

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Discrepancies are identified and brought to the attention of the healthcare team.

## When is it done?

Medication Reconciliation is performed whenever a patient moves from one setting to another (Admission, Internal Transfer and Discharge)



## Why is it done?

- To improve patient safety and quality of care
- To minimize medication discrepancies and adverse drug events
- To meet Accreditation Canada Standards
- Medication Reconciliation is a *Safer Healthcare Now!* Initiative (a national campaign for patient safety)