

# Medication Safety across the System: Medication Safety Inequalities

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The first stop for professional medicines advice

# Outline of today's event

## Why it's important

Users of medicines may be exposed to a greater risk of harm due to individual characteristics and societal factors. This creates inequitable experience and healthcare outcomes. Medication safety practice and associated improvements must consider healthcare inequalities to ensure equitable safe use of medicines for all.

## What will be covered:

1. A discussion of the impact that healthcare inequalities have on medication safety and potential for preventable harm. The importance of creating an equitable service to support safe use of medicines across the system will be explored.
2. Identification and management of medication safety challenges created by healthcare inequalities.
3. 'Lived experience' will be shared to understand the impact for individuals where inequalities has affected care.
4. Shared exemplar practices where healthcare inequalities are considered when implementing medication safety improvements, promoting reflection on local practice and consideration for implementation at a local and system level

# Today's speakers

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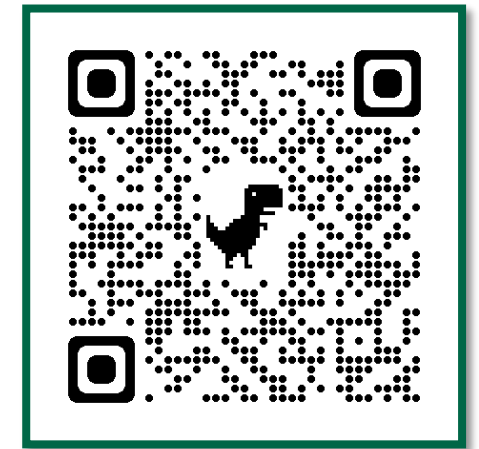
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The MSATS workspace provides a:

1. repository of medication safety improvement initiatives shared by fellow medication safety activists with an aim of collective learning and collaboration
2. networking forum for medication safety activists



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