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Knowledge-attitude-practice survey regarding high alert medication in a teaching hospital in Eastern India

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Medication errors are a reality in all settings where medicines are prescribed, dispensed and used. High Alert Medications (HAM) are those that bear a heightened risk of causing significant patient harm when used in error. We conducted a knowledge-attitude-practice survey, among residents working in a teaching hospital, to assess the ground situation with regard to handling of HAM. We plan to approach 242 residents among them approximately 600 are currently working in the hospital through purposive sampling. Residents in all disciplines (clinical, paraclinical and preclinical) are being targeted. A structured questionnaire that has been pretested on five volunteer residents is being used for data collection. The questionnaire is being administered to residents individually through face-to-face interview by two raters while they are on duty but not during rush hours.