

iSBAR Professional Communication Technique

- iSBAR is a standardized framework for healthcare team members to communicate about a concern.
- iSBAR creates a consistent format for information to be sent and creates an expectation for information to be received.
- iSBAR provides a system for individuals to speak up and express concern in a concise manner.

Introduction – Introduce yourself and tell what department you represent

Situation—What is happening to necessitate this communication?

Background—What is the clinical background?

Assessment—What do I think the problem is?

Recommendation—What would I recommend?

iSBAR – Dosing Error

i	Hello, my name is [PHARMACIST NAME] and I am a pharmacist at University Pharmacy.
S	The situation is in regard to a prescription written by doctor [PRESCRIBER NAME] for patient [PATIENT NAME] and I am concerned about the dose.
B	Some background information is that the patient, [PATIENT NAME], is a [AGE]-year old [GENDER] who on [DATE PRESCRIPTION WRITTEN] was prescribed [DRUG NAME, DOSE, DOSAGE FORM] with the instructions to [SIG]. According to my resources a normal dose for [DRUG NAME] is [GIVE NORMAL DOSE].
A	My assessment is the dose of [DRUG NAME] is too [HIGH or LOW].
R	I recommend the dose of [DRUG NAME] be [INCREASED or DECREASED] to [NORMAL DOSE]. Please tell me what you think.


Uptown Family Practice 1315 W. 12th Street	
Name: <u>Phoebe Khan</u>	
Address: <u>1761 S. Grant Street</u>	Date: <u>8/2/20XX</u>
Amoxil 250 mg/5 mL Suspension	
Dispense 7 day supply	
Sig: i tablespoonful po TID x7 days	
Refill: <u>0</u>	Carolyn Abman
DAW: substitution permitted	Signature
DEA# _____	

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Infants 6 months and older, Children, and Adolescents
 day course is acceptable.[53345] The FDA-approved dosage is 20 mg/kg/day PO in divided doses every 8 hours (Max: 250 mg/dose) or 25 mg/kg/day PO in divided doses every 12 hours (Max: 500 mg/dose) for mild to moderate infections and 40 mg/kg/day PO in divided

iSBAR – Contraindication

i	Hello, my name is [PHARMACIST NAME] and I am a pharmacist at University Pharmacy.
S	The situation is in regard to a prescription written by doctor [PRESCRIBER NAME] for patient [PATIENT NAME] and I am concerned about a possible contraindication.
B	Some background information is that the patient, [PATIENT NAME], is a [AGE]-year old [GENDER] who on [DATE PRESCRIPTION WRITTEN] was prescribed [DRUG NAME, DOSE, DOSAGE FORM] with the instructions to [SIG]. According to my records, [PATIENT NAME] has a history of [ALLERGY or CONDITION] which is a contraindication for using the drug [DRUG NAME].
A	My assessment is [DRUG NAME] would not be safe to give to the patient because of their [ALLERGY or CONDITION].
R	I recommend [DRUG NAME] be discontinued and a new drug prescribed that is safe for someone with [ALLERGY or CONDITION]. Please tell me what you think.

 Telephone Prescription Date: 8/4/20XX	
Patient Name: <u>Judy J. Miller</u>	
Address: <u>432 Locust</u>	
Lipitor 10 mg Tablet	
Dispense 30	
Sig: i po qd	
Doctor: <u>Samuel Bernstein</u>	DEA#: _____
Dr. Address: <u>3-C Medical Arts Building</u>	Refills: <u>5</u>
Called in by: <u>Mary Jones, R.N.</u>	
DAW: <u>generic okay</u>	

Miller	Judy J.	432 Locust	Pregnant
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Contraindications/Precautions

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Atorvastatin therapy is contraindicated for use during **pregnancy**. Cholesterol and other products of cholesterol biosynthesis are important for fetal development including synthesis of steroids and cell membranes. Because atorvastatin decreases cholesterol synthesis, the drug may cause fetal harm. If a patient becomes pregnant while taking this