Appendix 3: Analysis of completed prescription charts in patients who were consecutively discharged from one medical and one surgical ward at a London hospital (n=40)

Detail	Percentage Completed	No of Entries
Basic Patient Details		
Patient name (n=40)	40 (100%)	
Patient date of birth (n=40)	40 (100%)	
Hospital number (n=40)	40 (100%)	
NHS Number (n=40)	1 (2.5%)	
Weight (n=40)	10 (25%)	
Height (n=40)	5 (12.5%)	
Body Surface Area (n=40)	1 (2.5%)	
Use of addressograph label (n=40)	15 (37.5%)	
Hospital Details		
Ward (n=40)	36 (90%)	
Consultant (n=40)	27 (67.5%)	
Junior doctor (n=40)	2 (5%)	
Bleep number (n=40)	5 (12.5%)	
TTA written (n=40)	11 (27.5%)	
EDC screened (n=40)	10 (25%)	
Chart number (n=40)	15 (37.5%)	
Pharmacy cost centre (n=40)	4 (10%)	
Medication on supplementary	0 (0%)	

chart (n=40)		
Allergies		
No of patients with documented allergies (n=40)	10 (25%)	
Number of allergies where reaction was documented (n=10)	3 (30% of total)	
Once Only Medication		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	26 (65%)	
Median number of entries		1.5 (range 0 - 9)
Preparations administered by nurse		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	0 (0%)	
Median number of entries		0
Medicines Reconciliation		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	30 (75%)	
Source of medication history detailed (n=40)	31 (77.5%	
Checked by pharmacist checked (n=40)	30 (75%)	
Multidisciplinary communication box used (n=40)	13 (32.5%)	
VTE Assessment		

Risk assessment fully completed (n=40)	0 (0%)	
Eligibility for prophylaxis confirmed (n=40)	4 (10%)	
Doctor completing assessment recognisable (n=40)	4 (10%)	
Anti-embolism stockings prescribed (n=40)	12 (30%)	
LMWH prescribed (n=40)	29 (72.5%)	
Warfarin prescribed (n=40)	0 (0%)	
Variable Dose Prescriptions		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	6 (15%)	
Regular Medications		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	100 (100%)	
Total number of individual prescriptions on 40 drug charts - 350		
Longest prescription (characters) - 24		
Median number of entries		8 (0 - 20)
Legible (n=350)	328 (93.7%)	
Units written in full (n=350)	262 (74.9%)	
Start date documented (n=350)	344 (98.9%)	
Stop date documented (n=350)	4 (1.14%)	

Identify prescriber (n=350)	37 (10.6%)	
Completed whether new or continued medication (n=350)	213 (60.9%)	
Antibiotics		
Number of patients who received antibiotics (n=40)	18 (45%)	
Total number of prescriptions (n=40)		
Documented duration (n=40 prescriptions)	8 (20%)	
Documented indication (n=40 prescriptions)	21 (52.5%)	
As Required Medications		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	32 (80%)	
Total number of prescriptions (n=101)		
Number Median number of entries		2 (0 - 7)
Number legible (n=101)	91 (90.1%)	
Units written in full (n=101)	65 (64.4%)	
Start date documented (n=101)	99 (98%)	
Identify prescriber (n=101)	9 (0.089%)	
Completed whether new or continued medication (n=101)	9 (0.089%)	

Oxygen Prescription		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	0 (0%)	
Insulin Prescription		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	0 (0%)	
Infusions		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	23 (57.5%)	
Median number of entries		2 (0 - 7)
Medicines not administered		
Number of charts with > 0 entries (n=40)	7 (17.5%)	