Purpose: Some patients are admitted into the hospital after surgical procedures performed in the Outpatient Surgery Center. It was recognized that a delay in care occurred when the medication reconciliation was not completed by the surgical team. The form was missing from the chart or the form was not completely filled out by the physicians.

Description: Some patients are seen in the Center for Pre-Anesthesia Assessment and Planning Center, which will have a completed medication reconciliation form in the computer charting program. Patients not seen will have the medication reconciliation form completed in pre-operative holding on the day of surgery. Patients with known planned admission, the medication reconciliation form is printed by the pre-operative nurse and placed in the chart. A bright colored Post-it® note with the saying, “SURGEONS Pharmacy will not issue medications without a completed medication reconciliation form including indications”, flags the form for the physicians to complete.

Outcome: All pre-operative nurses were educated on printing the form and placing it in the patient’s chart, with the Post-it® note flag present. Patients who were originally scheduled as outpatient and converted to an admission, the physicians are now asking the recovery nurses to print the forms for completion. The compliance of completed medication reconciliation by the physician is approximately 95%.