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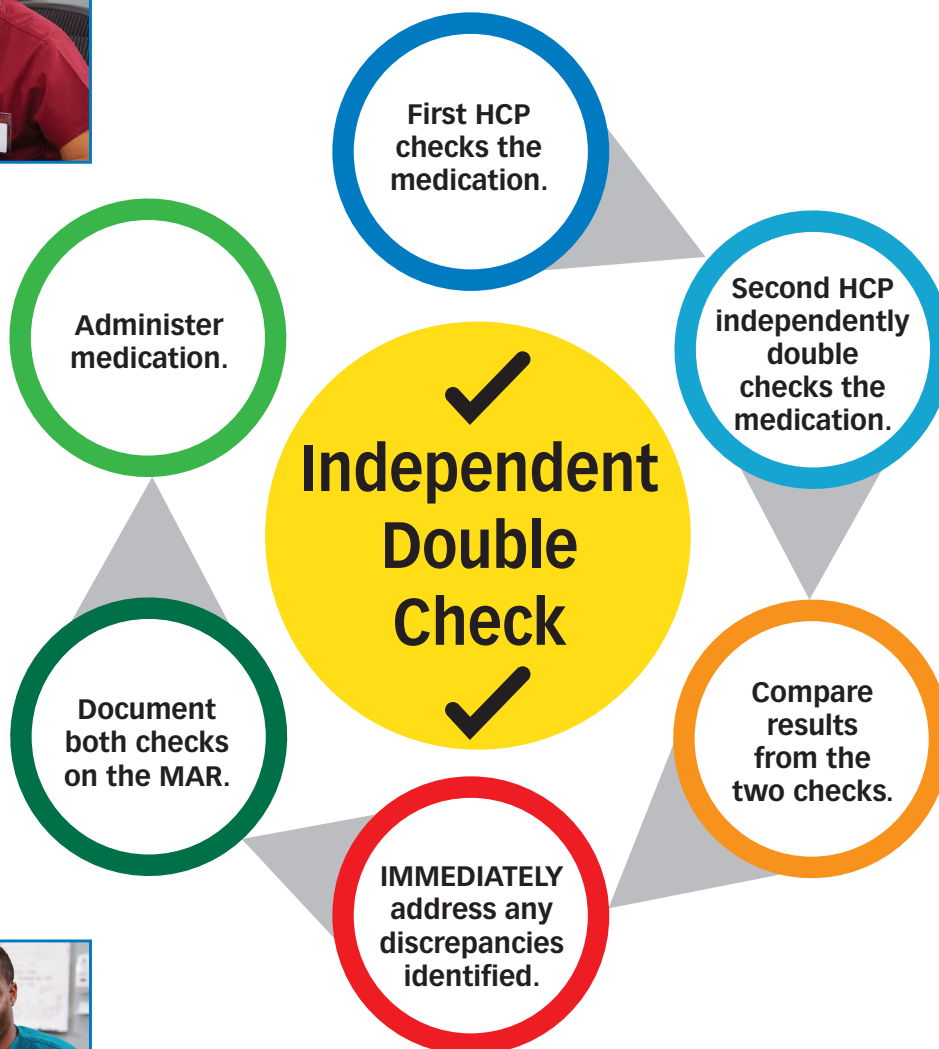
Practical Tips for Quality Improvement

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## INDEPENDENT DOUBLE CHECK (IDC)



IDC is a process by which two Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) work **independently** to verify the accuracy of the medication. IDC is required for methotrexate and recommended for warfarin, insulin, fentanyl, morphine, and HYDROMORPHONE.



If a second HCP is not available, the HCP should allow an appropriate amount of time to elapse (i.e., deliberately pause or perform another task) after the first check then perform a second check by repeating the verification that the medication is accurate. Both checks are documented on the MAR.

#### References:

- Institute for Safe Medication Practices. ISMP List of High-Alert Medications in Long-Term Care (LTC) Settings. 2016.
- Medical Pharmacies Policy and Procedure Manual – Policy 5-7.
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