

Table 4 Distribution of medication errors

Type of medication errors	n = 403	%
<i>A. Errors in ordering</i>	31	7.7
<i>B. Errors in prescription</i>	81	20.1
1. Calculation	45	11.2
2. Illegible prescription	36	8.9
<i>C. Errors in dispensing</i>	167	41.43
1. Labelling errors	96	23.8
2. Poor drug storage	71	17.6
<i>D. Errors in administration</i>	124	30.76
1. Wrong time	63	15.6
2. Incorrect speed of IV fluid	30	7.4
3. Written communication error	17	4.2
4. Solution set used instead of syringe pump	9	2.2
5. Local skin injury or chemical burn	5	1.2

IV - intravenous.