Medication Monitoring in PA/LTC Always Takes a Team

“...The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.”

– Babe Ruth

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“...The daunting task of medication monitoring, as illustrated by amiodarone, requires teamwork in the PA/LTC setting, where frail individuals receive elaborate combinations of medications. As there is increasing scrutiny of the monitoring of medications in this setting, all providers of care, including pharmacists, need to collaborate and document their efforts to minimize adverse events among residents.”

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