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Is your healthcare setting making any of these frequently reported errors in administering vaccines? Although some of these errors are much more serious than others, none of them should occur. Be sure those who administer vaccines are not making any of these **preventable** errors in vaccine administration.

Note: Information about **reporting** vaccine administration errors is found at the end of this article.

error: Not using a screening checklist to identify patients' contraindications and precautions to vaccination

How to Avoid This Error

Helpful Resources *as Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Vaccines for Children and Teens*
Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Vaccines for Adults

error: Administering the wrong vaccine due to similarities in vaccine names (e.g., DTaP for Tdap, zoster for varicella, PPSV23 for PCV13)

How to Avoid This Error

What to do after such an error:

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Helpful Resource *Vaccines with Diluents: How to Use Them*

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error: Administering a vaccine after the expiration date

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error: Giving two doses of live injectable or nasally administered vaccines too close together (leading to potential interference between these vaccines)

How to Avoid This Error

What to do after such an error:

separate cholera vaccine and the first dose of

