

Table 4 Causes of preventable adverse drug events (ADEs)

Criteria	Type of ADE (no. of cases)	Drug involved
Drugs involved not appropriate for patient's clinical condition	Respiratory distress (2)	Ethylene oxide (persistent residue of tubular detergent)
Dose, route or frequency of administration not appropriate for patient's age, weight or disease	Haematoma (1)	Anticoagulant
Therapeutic drug monitoring required or other necessary laboratory tests not performed or not performed frequently enough	Purpura (1)	Antibiotic (vancomycin)
	Hyperthyroid (1)	Antiarrhythmic (amiodarone)
	Dysthyroid (2)	Interferon
	Diabetes (1)	Corticosteroid
	Bone marrow depression (1)	Antiretroviral
Patient history of allergy or previous reaction to drug	–	–
Known drug interaction	–	–
Serum drug concentration above therapeutic range	–	–
Noncompliance (outpatients only)	–	–
Medication error	Agitation (1) (not associated with antidepressant)	Antidepressant (mianserine)
Total	Total (10)	–