

Table 2 The most common types of drug malpractice (and their reasons) reported by nurses in the emergency units (n = 282) of hospitals, Türkiye, 2015

Type of malpractice	No.	%
Encountered an event that threatened patient safety in the emergency unit		
Yes	66	23.4
No	216	76.6
<i>If yes, events that threatened patient safety (n = 66)</i>		
Medication administration errors	45	68.2
Patient falls	21	31.8
Drug malpractice^a		
Delay of treatment application time	69	24.5
Not asking about drug allergy for patient	61	21.6
Wrong dose	34	12.1
Other	34	12.1
Wrong application time	29	10.3
Wrong drug	21	7.4
Wrong patient	20	7.1
Wrong application method	14	5.0
Reasons for drug malpractice^a		
Lack of knowledge about drug allergy of patient	92	32.6
Excessive number of patients per nurse	89	31.6
Long working hours	68	24.1
Distraction or inability to concentrate due to intensive working pace	66	23.4
Lack of information about patient	47	16.7
Lack of information about drug applied to patient	42	14.9
Confusion and density in working environment during drug application	36	12.8
Absence of equipment required in emergency unit	29	10.3
Not double-checking drug dose to be applied	27	9.6
Illegible drug label	21	7.4
Filling a case report form for events that threatened the patient's safety		
Yes	-	-
No	282	100.0

^aMore than one response was given.