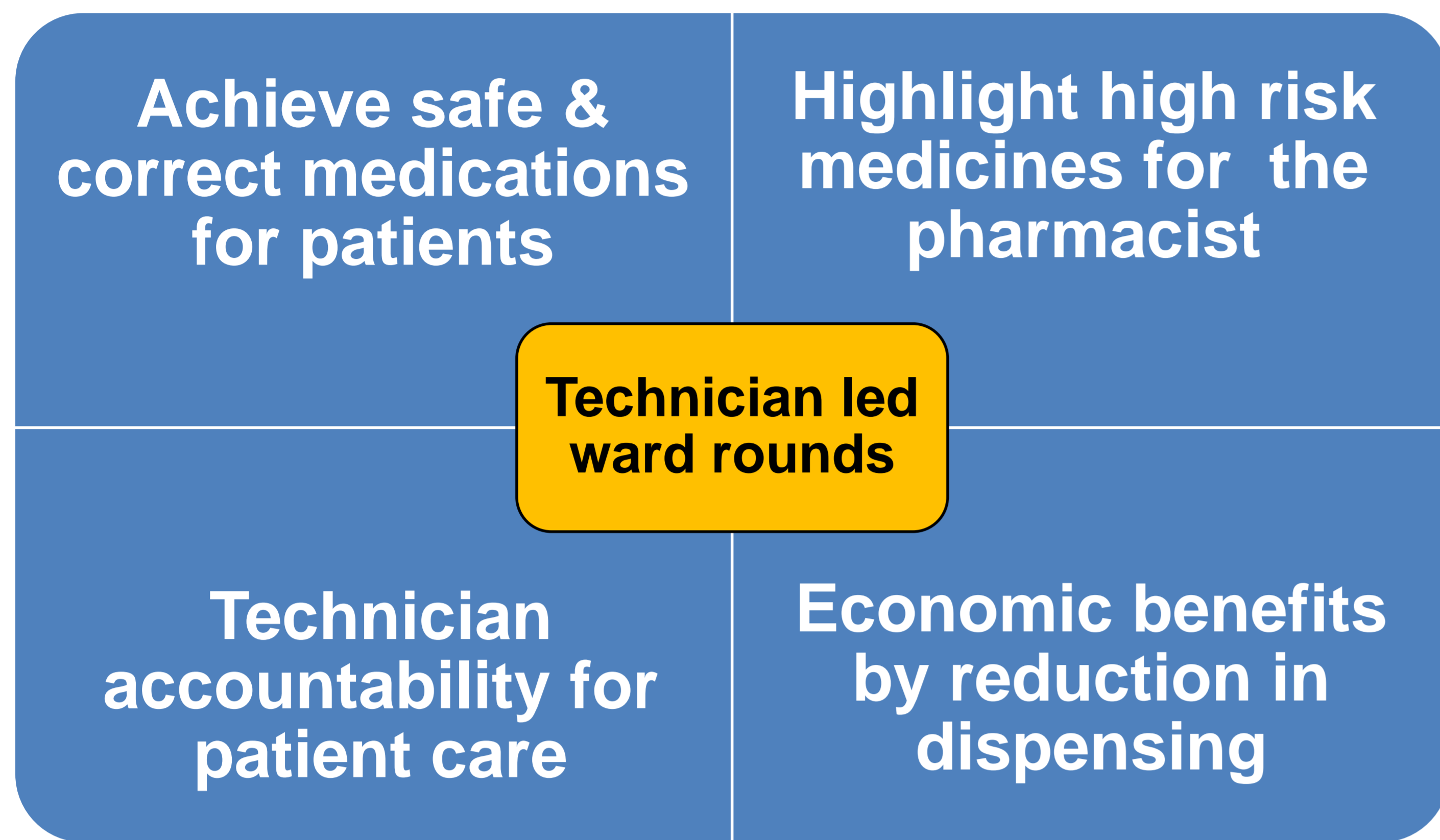


# Waving medication oversupply goodbye!

## Technician led ward rounds improve medication safety

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### Background



This study was undertaken at a sub-acute & rehabilitation facility where the majority of patients get transferred from other acute aged care wards in the local health district.

Average length of stay at this facility is 17 & 21 days respectively (2018). Medications are dispensed with a month supply (where applicable) with directions allowing their use at discharge, thus preventing wastage and duplicate dispensing. This site has limited on-site pharmacy service.

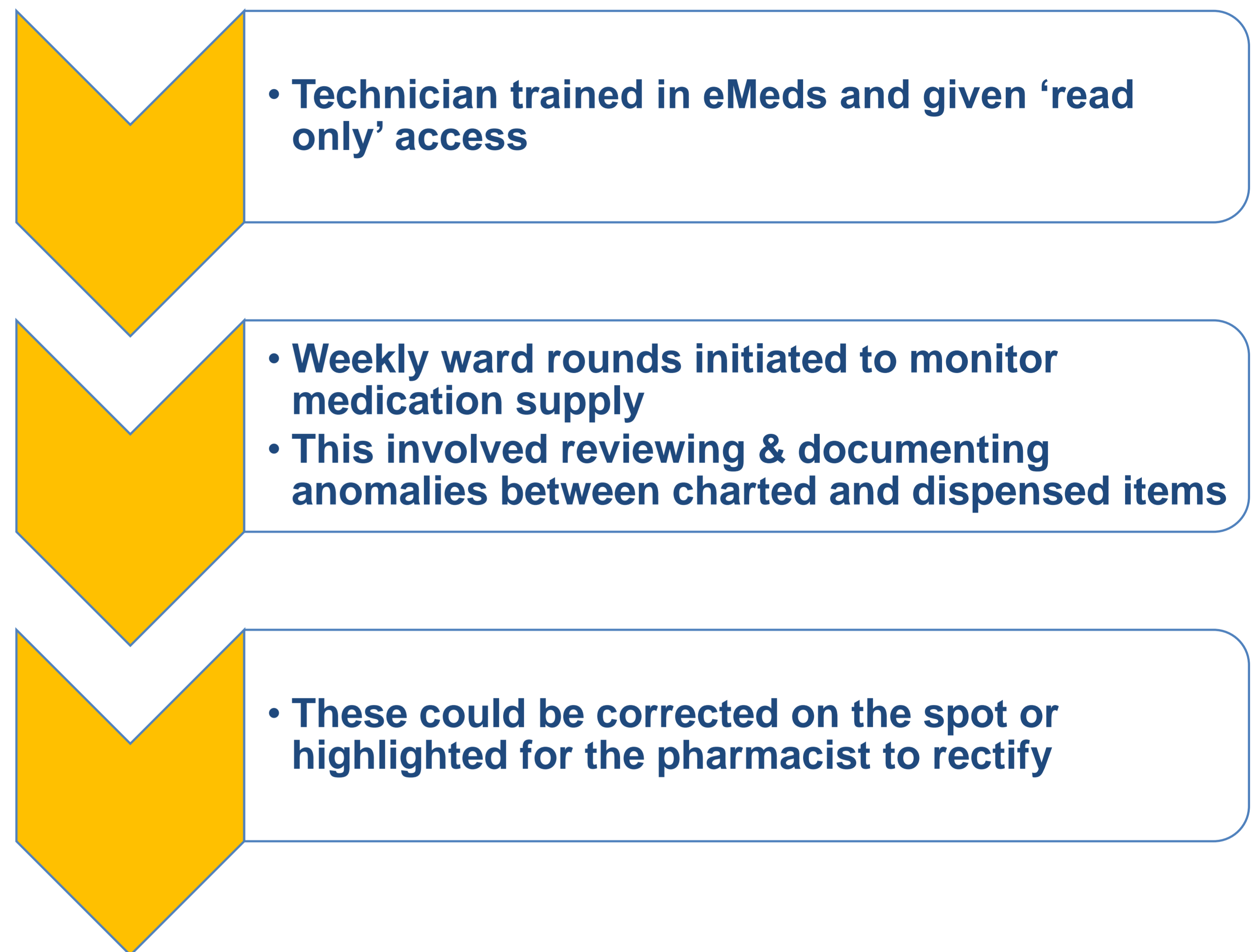
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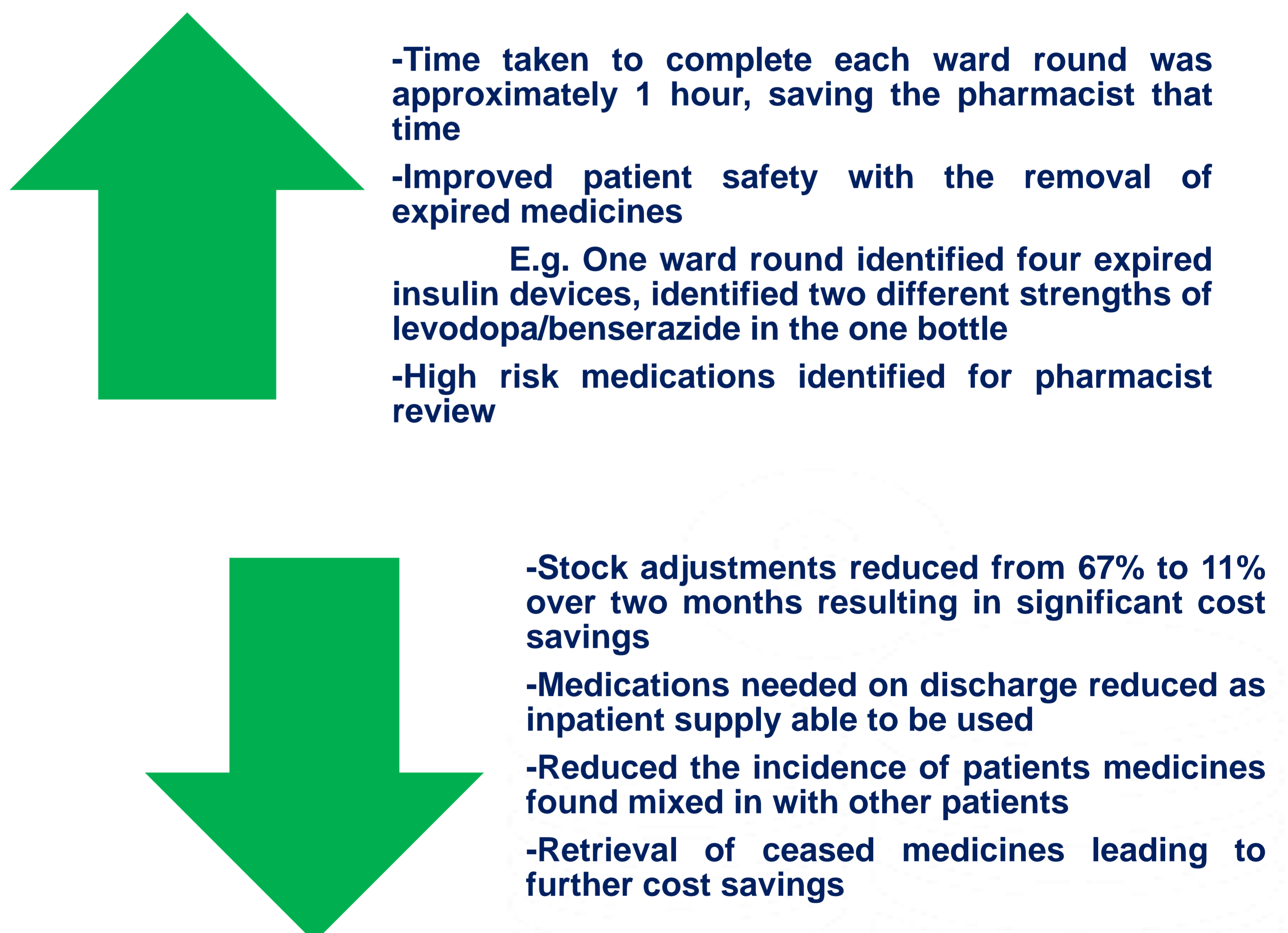
Medicines are normally sent on transfer, but it is not always clear what supply patients have been sent with.

Dispensing is reset on electronic medication management system (eMeds) when patients are transferred between hospitals.

### Action



### Evaluation



### Implications

Considerable savings were made by reducing excess supply, discarding expired and retrieving ceased medicines. Technicians identified high risk medicines on a weekly basis, prioritising their review by a pharmacist.