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<u>UFCW Local 7 and several other labor organizations are partnering with the University of San Diego on a study regarding nurse perceptions of medication errors. Participating in this important study starts by simply filling out a fifteen minute survey. Details below.</u>

## **Background**

My name is Ann Mayo. I am a faculty member in the School of Nursing at the University of San Diego, San Diego, CA. Myself and Denise Duncan, current president of United Nurses Association of California/United Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP), are conducting a research study about nurse perceptions of medication errors and we would like to invite you to participate. This study is endorsed by United Nurses Association of California/United Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP), Connecticut Health Care Associates (CHCA District 1199 NUHHCE), AFT Connecticut (AFT), Hawaii Nurses and Healthcare Professionals (HNHP), National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees 1199 J (NUHHCE 1199 J), Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP), and United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW).

The purpose of this study is to understand what nurses think about medication errors and the reporting of medication errors. You are being asked to participate because you are a practicing nurse.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey once that takes about 15 minutes to complete. You will be asked things like: Given a list of items, what on the list do you think cause medication errors? What percent of medication errors do you think are reported?

You will also be asked a few questions about yourself, such as your age, years of practice, if you are an RN, LVN/LPN or advanced practice nurse.

This study involves no more risk than the risks you encounter in daily life. Your responses will be kept confidential and all your information will be coded with a number. Your email or IP address will automatically be deleted, and no one will know your identity. Ann Mayo will keep the study data for a minimum of 5 years.

Taking part in this study is entirely optional. *Choosing not to participate will have no effect on your employment status or any other benefits to which you are entitled.* You may also quit being in the study at any time or decide not to answer any specific questions. Should you decide to participate, *please print out a copy of this page for future reference.* 

I will be happy to answer any questions you have about the study. You may contact me at (619) 260-7481 or <a href="mailto:Amayo@sandiego.edu">Amayo@sandiego.edu</a>
You can also contact Denise Duncan at (818) 807-8404.

If you would like to participate, please click on this link to begin the study: https://unacuhcp.formstack.com/forms/2020\_medication\_error\_surveyv3

Thank you for your consideration.

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