Systematic Analysis of a Medical Error

Step 1- Was there a Medical Error? Was there an Adverse Event? Did the Medical Error cause the Adverse Event?	
Step 2- Did a systems error occur? In what domain?	
Step 3- Was there an individual error?	
1) Knowledge - mistake from inadequate or incomplete information or base of knowledge	
2) <u>Skill based</u> - performance error. Not doing the action which was intended. We think of this a	as a "slip"

3) Rule based- the incorrect application of the information. We think of this as a "Judgment failure"

Step 4-Was there an adverse event causing harm?

- 1- No harm, error identified prior to affecting patient
- 2- Minor temporary harm

- 3- Minor permanent harm 5- Major permanent
- 4- Major temporary 6- Death

Step 5- What would you disclose in this case, would you apologize, and how?

Step 6- What steps could be taken to reduce the probability of this error in the future?