PROTOCOL FOR LOOK-ALIKE AND SOUND-ALIKE DRUGS

This protocol should be posted in all licensed residential group homes who contract with Community Mental Health for Central Michigan

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

In an effort to improve medication safety and to meet The Joint Commission’s National Patient Safety Goal Number 3, Community Mental Health for Central Michigan (CMHCM) has identified a process to address sound-alike and look-alike drugs. The Performance Improvement Team that developed this guideline will continue to monitor new drugs on the market as they are released, review the list included with this guideline on an annual basis, and provide appropriate updates. Appropriate action to prevent errors involving the interchange of these drugs will be taken.

Each CMHCM site (including direct and provider network sites) where medication is distributed or administered will post the attached lists and implement a plan for preventing drug mix-ups. This plan may consist of but not be limited to:

- Listing both the brand and generic names on medication records.
- Storing products with look-alike or sound-alike names in different locations.
- Employing double checks in the distribution process.
- Affixing “name alert” stickers to areas where look-alike or sound-alike products are stored.
- Changing the appearance of look-alike product names on pharmacy labels, computer screens, shelf labels and bins, and medication records by highlighting, through bold face, color, and/or tall man letters, the parts of the names that are different (e.g. hydrOXYzine, hydrALAzine).
- Having physicians write prescriptions using both the brand and generic names.
- Alerting consumers to the potential for mix-ups.
- Encouraging patients and direct care staff to question pharmacists and nurses about medications that are unfamiliar or look or sound different than expected.
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This list of confused drug names, which includes look-alike and sound-alike name pairs, consists of those name pairs that have been involved in medication errors published in the ISMP Medication Safety Alert! and the ISMP Medication Safety Alert! Community/Ambulatory Care Edition. The errors involving these medications were reported to ISMP through the ISMP Medication Errors Reporting Program (MERP).

This list also contains the names that appear on The Joint Commission’s list of look-alike and sound-alike names. The Joint Commission established a National Patient Safety Goal that requires each accredited organization to identify a list of look-alike or sound-alike drugs used in the organization. Those names that appear on The Joint Commission’s list have been noted with an asterisk (*) below.

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Bayhep-B
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Bayrab
Bayrho-D
Bayrho-D
Beano
Benadryl
benazepril
Benicar
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Betadine (without providone-iodine)
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Bicillin C-R
Bicillin L-A
Bicitra
Brethine
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Coagulation factor IX (recombinant)
codeine
Colace
Colazal
colchicine
Comvax
Cortrosyn
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Denavir
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DOXOribucin*
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indinavir
Depakote ER
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Depo-subQ provera 104
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disopyramide
dexmethylphenidate
Diabenese
Diabeta*
Diamox
Diflucan*
Dilacor XR
Dilaudid
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Durasal
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edetate calcium disodium
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Effexor*
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Enbrel
Engerix-B adult
Engerix-B pediatric/adolescent
Enjuvia
ePHEDrine*
Drug Name
EPINEPHrine*
Estratest
Estratest HS
ethambutol
Ethmozine
Evista*
Factor IX Complex, Vapor Heated
Femara
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fentaNYL
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omeprazole
opium tincture*
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Confused Drug Name
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors ("statins")
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paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)*
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Rozerem
Salagen

**Drug Name**
SandIMMUNE
SandoSTATIN
saquinavir
saquinavir (free base)
saquinavir mesylate
Sarafem
selegiline
Serophene
SEROquel
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SEROquel XR
sertraline
sertraline
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Sinemet
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Singulair
sitaGLIPtin
Solu-CORTEF
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sulfSOXAZOLE
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Symbyax
TamboCor
Taxol
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Taxotere
TEGretol
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Ritalin LA
Ritalin
Retrovir*
inFLIXimab
Reminyl
risperidone
Roxicodone Intensol
Roxicet
Roxanol
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Razadyne
selegiline

**Confused Drug Name**
SandoSTATIN
SandIMMUNE
SINEquan
saquinavir mesylate
saquinavir (free base)
Serophene
Salagen
Sarafem
SEROquel XR
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Singulair
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SUMAtriptan
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Depo-Medrol
Solu-CORTEF
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sitaGLIPtin
zolmitriptan
Cymbalta
Pamela
Taxotere
Paxil
Taxol
TEGretol XR
Tequin
TRENtal
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**Drug Name**

- TEGretol XR
- Tequin
- Tequin
- Testoderm TTS
- Testoderm TTS
- Testoderm with Adhesive
- Testoderm with Adhesive

**Confused Drug Name**

- TEGretol
- Ticlid
- Testoderm
- Testoderm with Adhesive
- Testoderm
- Testoderm TTS

**Drug Name**

- TEGretol
- Ticlid
- Testoderm
- Testoderm
- tetanus diptheria toxoid (Td)
- Thalomid
- Thiamine
tiazin*  
- Tiazac
- Ticlid
tiazin*
- TNKase
- TNKase
- Tobradex
- Tobrex

**TOLAZamide**

- TOLBUTamide
- Topamax*
- Toprol-XL*
- Toradol
- t-PA
- Tracleer
- tiaMADol*
tiaZODone*
- TRENtal
tretinoin
- Tricor
- tromethamine
- Trophamine
- tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)
- tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)
- Tylenol
- Tylenol PM
- Ultracet
- valacyclovir
- Valcyte
- valganciclovir
- Valtrex
- Varivax
- Vesnadoz
- Vesicare
- Vexol
- Viagra
- vinBLASoline*
- vinCRISline*
- Viokase
- Viokase 8
- Vioxx
- Viracept
- Viramune
- Vosol
- VZIG (varicella-zoster immuneglobulin)
- Wellbutrin SR*
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- TEGretol
- Ticlid
- Testoderm
Xanax*  Zantac*  Xeloda  Xenical  Yasmin  Yaz

Drug Name  Confused Drug Name
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Yasmin  Xanax*
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Zantac*  ZyrTEC*
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Zelapar (Zydis formulation)  ZyPREXA  Zydis
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Zetia  Zebeta
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Zocor  Zocor
Zocor*  Zetia
Zolmitriptan  SUMAtriptan
Zonegran  SINEquann
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Zyban  Diovan
ZyPREXA  CeleXA
ZyPREXA*  Reprexain
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ZyPREXA*  ZyrTEC*
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ZyrTEC  Lipitor
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