



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY
Look-Alike, Sound-Alike Policy		DRM-044
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE
Drug Room	10-1-2020	10-1-2020
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE	
Drug Room		

SCOPE

This policy applies to all patients receiving care and treatment at MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish and maintain a list of Look-Alike, Sound-Alike (LA/SA) medications that are stored, dispensed, or administered throughout the hospital in an effort to prevent medication errors involving the interchange of these medications.

DEFINITIONS

Look-Alike, Sound-Alike medications: medications with similar names, drug strengths, or packaging that medical professionals should be aware to reduce the risk of medication errors.

POLICY

The hospital Drug Room, in conjunction with the nursing department and the medical staff, shall develop and review a list of Look-Alike, Sound-Alike medications on an annual basis that are used throughout the hospital.

PROCEDURE

1. Medication errors involving Look-Alike, Sound-Alike medications will be reviewed on a routine basis to assess for the likely of patient harm from such errors.
2. The hospital will establish and review annually a list of highest risk Look-Alike, Sound-Alike pairs (See Table A for details).
3. The highest risk pairs list will be distributed to medical staff and posted in the medication room on an annual basis.

4. Strategies to reduce medication errors involving Look-Alike, Sound-Alike medications include the use of Tall-man lettering, labeling of LA/SA medications stored in the hospital drug room, and identification of LA/SA medications in the electronic health record.

REFERENCES

Institute for Safe Medication Practices

ATTACHMENTS

Table A: Look-Alike, Sound-Alike Highest Priority Medication Pairs

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change

Table A: Look-Alike, Sound-Alike Highest Priority Medication Pairs

MASTER LIST		CONFUSION
Activase [®]	TNKase [®]	Name
ALPRAzolam	LORazepam	Name/dose
Benadryl [®]	Benazepril	Name
buPROPion	busPIRone	Name
captorpil	Carvedilol	Name/dose
Cardura [®]	Coumadin [®]	Name/dose
ceFAZolin	cefTRIAXone	Name/dose
Cetirizine	Sertraline	Name
clonazePAM	cloNIDine	Name
clonazePAM	LORazepam	Name/dose
Colace [®]	Cozaar [®]	Name/dose
Depo-Medorl [®]	Solu-MEDROL [®]	Name/dose
Desyrel [®]	SEROquel [®]	Name/dose
DOBUTamine	DOPamine	Name/packaging
Flumazenil	Influenza virus vaccine	Name
FLUoxetine	PARoxetine	Name/dose
glipiZIDE	glyBURIDE	Name/dose
HYDROcodone	OXYcodone	Name/dose
HydrOXYzine	hydrALAZINE	Name/dose
Kepra [®]	Keflex [®]	Name/dose
klonoPIN [®]	cloNIDine	Name
Lipitor [®]	zyrTEC [®]	Name
Lithium	Ultram	Name
metFORMIN	metroNIDAZOLE	Name/dose
Motrin [®]	Neurontin [®]	Name/dose
Mucinx [®]	Mucomyst [®]	Name/dose
Nalbuphine	Naloxone	Name
Plavix [®]	Paxil [®]	Name
PrednisoLONE	PredniSONE	Name/dose
PriLOSEC [®]	PROzac [®]	Name/dose
Protonix [®]	Protamine	Name

RisperDAL	Restoril	Name
risperiDONE	roPINIRole	Name/dose
Solu-Cortef [®]	Solu-MEDROL [®]	Name
Tetanus diphtheria toxoid	Tuberculin purified protein derivative	Name
Toprol-XL [®]	Topamax [®]	Name/dose
traMADol	traZODone	Name/dose
Xanax [®]	Zantac [®]	Name
Zocor [®]	Cozaar [®]	Name