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Sound Alike- Look Alike Medications To Be Aware Of

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Med	Indication	Sound-Alike Med	Indication	Safety Issue
AmlODIPINE (Norvasc-®)	- antihypertensive	AmiloRIDE (Midamor-®)	- K sparing diuretic	Different indications but similar dosing
Amphotericin conventional 25-75 mg clear yellow		Amphotericin Lipid forms (ABELCET-®)	250 -500 mg cloudy yellow	Different dosing, same indications Lipid product ordered as Brand name
BusPIrone (Buspar-®)	-antianxiety	BuPROPion (Wellbutrin-®)	- antidepressant	Different indications & dosing
CISPLatin (PLATINol-®)	- chemo.	CARBOPlatin (PARAPlatin)	- chemo.	Different dosing, cisplatin not >100mg/m2, store sep.
Citalopram (ceLEXa-®)	- anti-depressant	Celecoxib (CELEBRex-®)	- nsaid	Different indications & dosing
		fospheNytoin (CEREBYx-®)	- anti-seizure	
CLONIDine (CATAPres-®)	- anti-hypertensive	CLONAZepam (KLONOPin-®)	- anti-anxiety	Different indications & dosing, CLONAZepam is Controlled med
DOPAmine	-cardiac shock, chf	DOBUTamine	- chf	Different dosing
DOXOrubicin (Adriamycin-®)	- chemotherapy	DAUNOrubicin (Cerubidine-®)	- chemotherapy	Adria-Red color, dose is 50-75mg/m2 DOXORUBicin liposomal (doxil) - cloudy, dose is 20 mg/m2 at 21-day intervals
		DOXOrubicin (DOXIL-®)	- lipid form chemo	
EPINEPHrine	- cardiac arrest, anaphylaxis	EPHEDrine SULFATE	- hypotension	Different uses & dosing, both come as 1ml amps
FENTANyl	- analgesic	SUFENTanil	- analgesic	SUFENTanil 2-4 x as potent as FENTANyl
HESpan-®	- volume expnader	HEParin	- anticoagulant	Different indications & dosing
HumALOG-®	- rapid acting insulin	HumULIN -®	- short acting insulin	Different onsets and durations of action
HumALOG Mix75/25-® NPH +rapid		HumULIN 70/30-®	NPH + short acting	Different onsets of action
hydrALAZINE	-antihypertension	hydrOXYzine	- antihistamine	Different indications & dosing
HYDROMORphone (DILAUdid-®)	- analgesic	MORPHine	- analgesic	Different potencies, 1.5 mg DILAUdid = 10mg Morphine
INFLIXimab (Remicad-®)		RITUXImab (Rituxan-®)		Different indications and dosing
insulin glargine (LANTUS-®)	- Clear, long-acting insulin	insulin lispro (HUMALOG-®)	- Clear, short-acting insulin	RN to store insulins separately in designated area, double check
metoprolol (toPROL XL-®)	- Beta blocker	Topiramate (topAMAX -®)	-antiseizure	Diff. Indications, store separately
METRONIDAZole	- antibacterial	METFORmin (Glucophage-®)	- diabetes	Different indications, Separate stock
Olanzapine (ZYPREXa-®)	- anti-psychotic	cetirizine (ZYRTEC-®)	- anti-histamine	Different indications & dosing
		citalopram (ceLEXa-®)	- anti-depressant	
OXYCONTin-®	- long acting	OXYCODone	- short acting	Diff. times of onset and duration of action
oxytocin (PITOCin-®)	- labor induction	vasopressin (PITRESSin-®)	-asytole & vasodilatory shock	Different indications & dosing
PAClitaxel (TAXOL-®)	- chemo	TAXOTERE-® (DOCETaxel)	- chemo	Diff. Indications, store separately, PC alerts
		Paclitaxel protein-bound		
sulfaSALAZINE (Azulfidine-®)	- Inf. Bowel Disease	sulfADIAZINE	- toxoplasmosis	Different indications & dosing
TRAZOdone	- sleep	TRAMAdol (Ultram-®)	- pain	Separate storage
vinCRistine (ONCOVIN-®)	-chemo max 1.4 mg/m2	vinBLASTine (VELBAN-®)	-chemo 5-7mg/m2	Different indications & dosing, PC alerts, store separately, no abbrev., dispense vincristine in minibag only to avoid intrathecal administration
Zidovudine (RETROvir-®)	-antiviral	RITONAvir (Norvir-®)	- antiviral	Different regimens & different dosing