

## Sound-Alike-Look-Alike Drugs (SALAD)

To help prevent confusion with SALAD, the following strategies are used:

- ❖ SALAD lists are **posted in strategic locations** in Nursing Units and clinical areas. This list is reviewed at least annually.
- ❖ Medications on the SALAD list are **not stored next to each other**, either in the Pharmacy, the Pyxis or the medication room.
- ❖ **“SALAD Alert” stickers** are affixed where look- or sound-alike products are stored.
- ❖ **Brand and generic names** are printed on MAR’s and Pyxis computer screens.
- ❖ When pre-packaging medication, **a red stripe can be used** to differentiate between look-alike medications.
- ❖ Physicians are encouraged to **specify the purpose of medications** on physician orders.
- ❖ Clinicians should **report errors and potentially hazardous conditions** with SALAD through variance reporting and recommendations to the Pharmacy.
- ❖ Clinical staff must **read back** all orders taken verbally or telephonically.

List of Sound-Alike-Look-Alike medications.

accuPRIL	accuTANE
ACTOS	ACTONEL
AMBIsome	amphotericin B
avandia	coumadin
AZITHROmycin	ERYTHROmycin
betoptic	betoptic S
buPROPION	buSPIRONE
calciTRIOL	calciFEROL
CARBOplatin	CISplatin
carDENE SR	carDIZEM SR
celeBREX	celeXA
chlorPROMAZINE	ceREBYX
COMBivir	PROchlorPERAZINE
cytoVENE	EPivir
diFLUCan	cytoSAR
dopamine	diPRIVan
DOXORubicin	doBUTAmine
ENALAPRIL	IDARubicin
epHEDrine	ELDEPRYL
FLOmax	epINEPHrine
glyBURide	VOLmax
HESPan	gliPIZide
hydRALAzine	DENTRan
hydroCODONE	hydROXYzine
levoFLOXacin	hydroCORTISONE
metFORMin	levoTHYROXine
NEOral	metroNIDazole
niFEDIpine	NIZOral
novoLIN	niCARDIpine
novoLOG	novoLOG
oxyCONTIN	novoLOG MIX
pitOCIN	oxyCODONE
pLENDil	pitRESSIN
RETROvir	pRINIVil
SOLU-Medrol	RITONAvir
taxoL	DEPO-Medrol
VERELAN	taxoTERE
vinBLASTine	VIRILON
	vinCRISTine