2026 Hospital National Performance Goals
Official "Do Not Use" List
ISMP's List of Confused Drug Names

The National Patient Safety Goals were replaced with National Performance Goal on January 1, 2026. The Joint Commission's 2026 Hospital National Performance Goals set forth clear guidelines for how healthcare organizations can improve the quality of care.

The following pages include:

- Summary of Joint Commission 2026 National Performance Goals (Hospital)***
- Joint Commission's Official "Do Not Use" List
- Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP's) List of Confused Drug Names

***The exact language of the goals can be found on the Joint Commission Website under 2026 National Performance Goals (NPGs).

2026 Hospital National Performance Goals (NPGs)

Goal 1	The hospital ensures that the correct patient receives the correct care at the correct time.
Goal 2	The governing body and leadership team foster a culture of safety.
Goal 3	The hospital has an emergency management program.
Goal 4	The hospital prioritizes excellent health outcomes for all.
Goal 5	The hospital prioritizes infection prevention and control.
Goal 6	The hospital prioritizes pain management and safe prescribing practices.
Goal 7	The hospital respects the patient's right to safe, informed care.
Goal 8	The hospital reduces the risk for suicide.
Goal 9	The hospital develops and implements safe transplant practices.
Goal 10	The hospital performs waived testing in a safe and consistent manner. *Note: Waived tests are categorized by CLIA as "simple laboratory examinations and procedures that have an insignificant risk of an erroneous result." The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determines which tests meet these criteria when it reviews a manufacturer's application for test system waiver. The list of FDA-approved waived tests can be accessed at the following link: https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfClia/analyteswaived.cfm.*
Goal 11	The hospital maintains workplace and patient safety.
Goal 12	The hospital is staffed to meet the needs of the patients it serves, and staff are competent to provide safe, quality care.
Goal 13	The hospital safely performs imaging services.
Goal 14	The hospital has a medication management program that focuses on safety.

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Official "Do Not Use" List

- This list is part of the Information Management standards
- Does not apply to preprogrammed health information technology systems (i.e. electronic medical records or CPOE systems), but remains under consideration for the future

Organizations contemplating introduction or upgrade of such systems should strive to eliminate the use of dangerous abbreviations, acronyms, symbols and dose designations from the software.

Official "Do Not Use" List

Do Not Use	Potential Problem	Use Instead
U, u (unit)	Mistaken for "0" (zero), the number "4" (four) or "cc"	Write "unit"
IU (International Unit)	Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten)	Write "International Unit"
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily)	Mistaken for each other	Write "daily"
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d, qod (every other day)	Period after the Q mistaken for "I" and the "O" mistaken for "I	Write "every other day"
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)* Lack of leading zero (.X mg)	Decimal point is missed	Write X mg Write 0.X mg
MS	Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate"
MSO_4 and $MgSO_4$	Confused for one another	

[1] Applies to all orders and all medication-related documentation that is handwritten (including free-text computer entry) or on pre-printed forms.

***Exception:** A "trailing zero" may be used only where required to demonstrate the level of precision of the value being reported, such as for laboratory results, imaging studies that report size of lesions, or catheter/tube sizes. It may not be used in medication orders or other medication-related documentation.

Development of the "Do Not Use" List

In 2001, The Joint Commission issued a *Sentinel Event Alert* on the subject of medical abbreviations. A year later, its Board of Commissioners approved a National Patient Safety Goal requiring accredited organizations to develop and implement a list of abbreviations not to use. In 2004, The Joint Commission created its "Do Not Use" List to meet that goal. In 2010, NPSG.02.02.01 was integrated into the Information Management standards as elements of performance 2 and 3 under IM.02.02.01.

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- Contact the Standards Interpretation Group at 630-792-5900.
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ISMP List of *Confused* Drug Names

This list of confused drug names, which includes look-alike and sound-alike name pairs, consists of those name pairs that have been published in the ***ISMP Medication Safety Alert!® Acute Care***, the ***ISMP Medication Safety Alert!® Community/Ambulatory Care***, and the ***FDA and ISMP Lists of Look-Alike Drug Names with Recommended Tall Man Letters***. We hope you will use this list to determine which medications require special safeguards to reduce the risk of errors. This may include strategies such as: using both the brand and generic names on prescriptions and labels; including the purpose of the medication on prescriptions; configuring computer systems to require a minimum of the first five letters of a drug name during product searches to limit similar names from appearing together on the same screen; and changing the appearance of look-alike product names to draw attention to their differences. Both the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved and the ISMP-recommended tall man (mixed case) letters have been included in this list.

Updated through February 2023

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Abelcet	amphotericin B
Accupril	Aciphex
acetaminophen	aceta**ZOLAMIDE**
aceta**ZOLAMIDE**	acetaminophen
aceta**ZOLAMIDE**	aceto**HEXAMIDE**
acetic acid for irrigation	glacial acetic acid
aceto**HEXAMIDE**	aceta**ZOLAMIDE**
Aciphex	Accupril
Aciphex	Aricept
Activase	Cathflo Activase
Activase	TNKase
Actonel	Actos
Actos	Actonel
Adacel (Tdap)	Daptacel (DTaP)
Adderall	Adderall XR
Adderall	Inderal
Adderall XR	Adderall
ado-trastuzumab emtansine	trastuzumab
Advair	Advicor
Advicor	Advair
Advicor	Altocor
Afrin (oxymetazoline)	Afrin (saline)
Afrin (saline)	Afrin (oxymetazoline)
Aggrastat	argatroban
Aldara	Alora
ALfentanil*	fenta**NYL***

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
ALfentanil*	**SUF**entanil*
Alkeran	Leukeran
Alkeran	Myleran
Allegra	Viagra
Allegra (fexofenadine)	Allegra Anti-Itch Cream (diphenhydr**AMINE**/allantoin)
Allegra Anti-Itch Cream (diphenhydr**AMINE**/allantoin)	Allegra (fexofenadine)
Alora	Aldara
ALPRAZolam	clonaze**PAM**
ALPRAZolam	**LOR**azepam
Altocor	Advicor
amantadine	amiodarone
Amaryl	Reminyl
Ambien*	ambrisentan*
Ambisome	amphotericin B
ambrisentan*	Ambien*
Amicar	Omacor
Amikin	Kineret
a**MIL**oride	am**LODIP**ine
amiodarone	amantadine
am**LODIP**ine	a**MIL**oride
amphotericin B	Abelcet
amphotericin B	Ambisome
amphotericin B	amphotericin B liposomal
amphotericin B liposomal	amphotericin B

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Anacin	Anacin-3
Anacin-3	Anacin
antacid	Atacand
Anticoagulant Citrate Dextrose Solution Formula A	Anticoagulant Sodium Citrate Solution
Anticoagulant Sodium Citrate Solution	Anticoagulant Citrate Dextrose Solution Formula A
Antivert	Axert
Anzemet	Avandamet
Apidra	Spiriva
apixaban*	axitinib*
Apresoline	Priscoline
argatroban	Aggrastat
argatroban	Orgaran
Aricept	Aciphex
Aricept	Azilect
ARIPiprazole	proton pump inhibitors
ARIPiprazole	**RABE**prazole
Arista AH (absorbable hemostatic agent)	Arixtra
Arixtra	Arista AH (absorbable hemostatic agent)
Asacol	Os-Cal
Atacand	antacid
atomoxetine	atorvastatin
atorvastatin	atomoxetine
Atrovent	Natru-Vent
Avandamet	Anzemet
Avandia	Coumadin
Avandia	Prandin
Avinza	Evista
Avinza	Invanz
Axert	Antivert
axitinib*	apixaban*
aza**CITID**ine	aza**THIO**prine
aza**THIO**prine	aza**CITID**ine
Azilect	Aricept
B & O (belladonna and opium)	Beano
BabyBIG	HBIG (hepatitis B immune globulin)
bamlanivimab*	belimumab*
Bayhep-B	Bayrab
Bayhep-B	Bayrho-D
Bayrab	Bayhep-B

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Bayrab	Bayrho-D
Bayrho-D	Bayhep-B
Bayrho-D	Bayrab
Beano	B & O (belladonna and opium)
belimumab*	bamlanivimab*
Benadryl	benazepril
benazepril	Benadryl
Benicar	Mevacor
Betadine (with providone-iodine)	Betadine (without providone-iodine)
Betadine (without providone-iodine)	Betadine (with providone-iodine)
betaine (anhydrous form)	betaine HCl
betaine HCl	betaine (anhydrous form)
Bextra	Zetia
Bicillin C-R	Bicillin L-A
Bicillin L-A	Bicillin C-R
Bicitra	Polycitra
Bidex	Videx
Bio-T-Gel	T-Gel
Brethine	Methergine
Brevibloc	Brevital
Brevital	Brevibloc
Brilinta	Brintellix
Brilinta*	Briviact*
Brintellix	Brilinta
Briviact*	Brilinta*
BUPivacaine*	**ROP**ivacaine*
buprenorphine	**HYDRO**morphone
bu**PROP**ion	bus**PIR**one
bus**PIR**one	bu**PROP**ion
Capadex [non-US product]	Kapidex
Capex	Kapidex
captopril	carvedilol
Carac	Kuric
car**BAM**azepine	**OX**carbazepine
CARBOplatin	**CIS**platin
Cardene	Cardizem
Cardizem	Cardene
Cardura	Coumadin
carvedilol	captopril
Casodex	Kapidex
Cathflo Activase	Activase
Cedax	Cidex

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ceFAZolin*	cefoTEtan*
ceFAZolin*	cefOXitin*
ceFAZolin*	cefTAZidime*
ceFAZolin	cefTRIAXone
cefoTEtan*	ceFAZolin*
cefoTEtan*	cefOXitin*
cefoTEtan*	cefTAZidime*
cefoTEtan*	cefTRIAXone*
cefOXitin*	ceFAZolin*
cefOXitin*	cefoTEtan*
cefOXitin*	cefTAZidime*
cefOXitin*	cefTRIAXone*
cefTAZidime*	ceFAZolin*
cefTAZidime*	cefoTEtan*
cefTAZidime*	cefOXitin*
cefTAZidime*	cefTRIAXone*
cefTRIAXone	ceFAZolin
cefTRIAXone*	cefoTEtan*
cefTRIAXone*	cefOXitin*
cefTRIAXone*	cefTAZidime*
cefuroxime	sulfaSALAzine
CeleBREX	CeleXA
CeleBREX	Cerebyx
CeleXA	CeleBREX
CeleXA	Cerebyx
CeleXA	ZyPREXA
Cerebyx	CeleBREX
Cerebyx	CeleXA
cetirizine	sertraline
cetirizine	stavudine
chlordiazePOXIDE	chlorproMAZINE
chlorproMAZINE	chlordiazePOXIDE
chlorproMAZINE	chlorproPAMIDE
chlorproPAMIDE	chlorproMAZINE
Cidex	Cedax
CISplatin	CARBOplatin
citalopram*	escitalopram*
Clarispray (fluticasone propionate)	Claritin (loratadine)
Claritin (loratadine)	Clarispray (fluticasone propionate)
Claritin (loratadine)	Claritin Eye (ketotifen fumarate)
Claritin Eye (ketotifen fumarate)	Claritin (loratadine)
Claritin-D	Claritin-D 24

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Claritin-D 24	Claritin-D
Clindesse	Clindets
Clindets	Clindesse
cloBAZam	clonazePAM
clomiPHENE	clomiPRAMINE
clomiPRAMINE	clomiPHENE
clonazePAM	ALPRAZolam
clonazePAM	cloBAZam
clonazePAM	cloNIDine
clonazePAM	cloZAPine
clonazePAM	LORazepam
cloNIDine	clonazePAM
cloNIDine	cloZAPine
cloNIDine	KlonoPIN
cloZAPine	clonazePAM
cloZAPine	cloNIDine
Clozaril	Colazal
coagulation factor IX (recombinant)	factor IX complex, vapor heated
codeine	Lodine
coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10)*	Cometriq*
Colace	Cozaar
Colazal	Clozaril
colchicine	Cortrosyn
Comvax	Recombivax HB
Cometriq*	coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10)*
Cortrosyn	colchicine
Coumadin	Avandia
Coumadin	Cardura
Covaryx HS	Covera HS
Covera HS	Covaryx HS
Cozaar	Colace
Cozaar	Zocor
Cubicin	Cubicin RF
Cubicin RF	Cubicin
cycloPHOSphamide*	cycloSERINE*
cycloPHOSphamide	cycloSPORINE
cycloSERINE*	cycloPHOSphamide*
cycloSERINE	cycloSPORINE
cycloSPORINE	cycloPHOSphamide
cycloSPORINE	cycloSERINE
cycloSPORINE	cycloSPORINE modified
cycloSPORINE modified	cycloSPORINE
Cymbalta	Symbyax

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dabigatran	vigabatrin
DACTINomycin	**DAPTO**mycin
Daptacel (DTaP)	Adacel (Tdap)
DAPTOmycin	**DACTIN**omycin
Darvocet	Percocet
Darvon	Diovan
DAUNOrubicin	**DAUNO**rubicin liposomal
DAUNOrubicin	**DOXO**rubicin
DAUNOrubicin	**IDA**rubicin
DAUNOrubicin liposomal	**DAUNO**rubicin
Denavir	indinavir
Depakote	Depakote ER
Depakote ER	Depakote
DEPO-Medrol	**SOLU**-Medrol
Depo-Provera	Depo-subQ provera 104
Depo-subQ provera 104	Depo-Provera
desipramine	disopyramide
desmopressin	vasopressin
Desyrel	Seroquel
dex**AMETH**asone	dexmede**TOMID**ine
Dexilant	**DUL**oxetine
dexmede**TOMID**ine	dex**AMETH**asone
dexmethylphenidate	dexmethylphenidate mixed salts
dexmethylphenidate	methadone
dexmethylphenidate mixed salts	dexmethylphenidate
Diabenese	Diamox
Diabeta	Zebeta
Diamox	Diabenese
diaze**PAM**	dil**TIAZ**em
Diflucan	Diprivan
Dilacor XR	Pilocar
Dilaudid	Dilaudid-5
Dilaudid-5	Dilaudid
dil**TIAZ**em	diaze**PAM**
dimenhy**DRINATE**	diphenhydr**AMINE**
Dioval	Diovan
Diovan	Darvon
Diovan	Dioval
Diovan	Zyban
diphenhydr**AMINE**	dimenhy**DRINATE**
Diprivan	Diflucan
Diprivan	Ditropan

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
disopyramide	desipramine
Ditropan	Diprivan
DOBUTamine	**DOP**amine
DOCEtaxel	**PACL**itaxel
DOPamine	**DOBUT**amine
Doribax	Zovirax
Doxil	Paxil
DOXOrubicin	**DAUNO**rubicin
DOXOrubicin	**DOXO**rubicin liposomal
DOXOrubicin	**IDA**rubicin
DOXOrubicin liposomal	**DOXO**rubicin
Dramamine (dimenhy**DRINATE**)	Dramamine (ginger root)
Dramamine (dimenhy**DRINATE**)	Dramamine (meclizine)
Dramamine (ginger root)	Dramamine (dimenhy**DRINATE**)
Dramamine (ginger root)	Dramamine (meclizine)
Dramamine (meclizine)	Dramamine (dimenhy**DRINATE**)
Dramamine (meclizine)	Dramamine (ginger root)
dro**NAB**inol*	dro**PER**idol*
dro**PER**idol*	dro**NAB**inol*
Dulcolax (bisacodyl)	Dulcolax (docusate sodium)
Dulcolax (docusate sodium)	Dulcolax (bisacodyl)
DULoxetine	Dexilant
DULoxetine	**FLU**oxetine
DULoxetine	**PAR**oxetine
Durasal	Durezol
Durezol	Durasal
Duricef	Ultracet
Dynacin	Dynacirc
Dynacirc	Dynacin
edetate calcium disodium	edetate disodium
edetate disodium	edetate calcium disodium
Effexor	Effexor XR
Effexor XR	Effexor
Effexor XR	Enablex
elvitegravir, cobicistat, emtricitabine, and *tenofovir alafenamide*	elvitegravir, cobicistat, emtricitabine, and *tenofovir disoproxil fumarate*
elvitegravir, cobicistat, emtricitabine, and *tenofovir disoproxil fumarate*	elvitegravir, cobicistat, emtricitabine, and *tenofovir alafenamide*
Enablex	Effexor XR
Enbrel	Levbid
Engerix-B adult	Engerix-B pediatric/adolescent
Engerix-B pediatric/adolescent	Engerix-B adult
Enjuvia	Januvia

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ePHEDrine	EPINEPHrine
EPINEPHrine	ePHEDrine
epiRUBicin	eriBULin
eriBULin	epiRUBicin
escitalopram*	citalopram*
Estratest	Estratest HS
Estratest HS	Estratest
ethambutol	Ethmozine
ethaverine [non-US name]	etravirine
Ethmozine	ethambutol
etravirine	ethaverine [non-US name]
Evista	AVINza
factor IX complex, vapor heated	coagulation factor IX (recombinant)
Fanapt	Xanax
Farxiga	Fetzima
Fastin (dietary supplement)	Fastin (phentermine)
Fastin (phentermine)	Fastin (dietary supplement)
Femara	Femhrt
Femhrt	Femara
fentaNYL*	ALfentanil*
fentaNYL	SUFentanil
Fetzima	Farxiga
Fioricet	Fiorinal
Fiorinal	Fioricet
flavoxATE	fluvoxaMINE
Flonase	Flovent
Floranex	Florinef
Florastor	Florinef
Florinef	Floranex
Florinef	Florastor
Flovent	Flonase
flumazenil	influenza virus vaccine
FLUoxetine	DULoxetine
FLUoxetine	Loxitane
FLUoxetine	PARoxetine
fluPHENAZine	fluvoxaMINE
fluvoxaMINE	flavoxATE
fluvoxaMINE	fluPHENAZine
Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent*	Fluzone Quadrivalent*
Fluzone Quadrivalent*	Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent*
Focalgin B	Focalin

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Focalin	Focalgin B
Folex	Foltx
folic acid	folinic acid (leucovorin calcium)
folinic acid (leucovorin calcium)	folic acid
Foltx	Folex
fomepizole	omeprazole
Foradil	Fortical
Foradil	Toradol
Fortical	Foradil
gabapentin	gemfibrozil
gemfibrozil	gabapentin
gentamicin	gentian violet
gentian violet	gentamicin
glacial acetic acid	acetic acid for irrigation
glipiZIDE	glyBURIDE
Glucotrol	Glycotrol
glyBURIDE	glipiZIDE
Glycotrol	Glucotrol
Granulex	Regranex
guaiFENesin	guanFACINE
guanFACINE	guaiFENesin
HBIG (hepatitis B immune globulin)	BabyBIG
Healon	Hyalgan
heparin	Hespan
Hespan	heparin
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors ("statins")	nystatin
HumaLOG	HumuLIN
HumaLOG	NovoLOG
HumaLOG Mix 75/25	HumuLIN 70/30
Humapen Memoir (for use with HumaLOG)	Humira Pen
Humira Pen	Humapen Memoir (for use with HumaLOG)
HumuLIN	HumaLOG
HumuLIN	NovoLIN
HumuLIN 70/30	HumaLOG Mix 75/25
HumuLIN R U-100	HumuLIN R U-500
HumuLIN R U-500	HumuLIN R U-100
Hyalgan	Healon
hydrALAZINE	hydroCHLOROthiazide
hydrALAZINE*	HYDROmorphone*
hydrALAZINE	hydrOXYzine

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Hydrea	Lyrica
hydro**CHLORO**thiazide	hydr**ALAZINE**
hydro**CHLORO**thiazide	hydr**OXY**zine
hydro**CHLORO**thiazide*	hydroxychloroquine*
HYDROcodone	oxy**CODONE**
Hydrogesic	hydr**OXY**zine
HYDROmorphone	buprenorphine
HYDROmorphone*	hydr**ALAZINE***
HYDROmorphone*	hydr**OXY**zine*
HYDROmorphone	morphine
HYDROmorphone	oxy**MOR**phone
hydroxychloroquine	hydroxyurea
hydroxychloroquine*	hydro**CHLORO**thiazide*
HYDROXYprogesterone	medroxy**PROGESTER**one
hydroxyurea	hydroxychloroquine
hydroxyurea	hydr**OXY**zine
hydroxyurea*	Ure-Na (palatable form of oral urea)*
hydr**OXY**zine	hydr**ALAZINE**
hydr**OXY**zine	hydro**CHLORO**thiazide
hydr**OXY**zine	Hydrogesic
hydr**OXY**zine*	**HYDRO**morphone*
hydr**OXY**zine	hydroxyurea
IDArubicin	**DAUNO**rubicin
IDArubicin	**DOXO**rubicin
IDArubicin	idaru**CIZU**mab
idaru**CIZU**mab	**IDA**rubicin
Ilaris*	Ilumya*
Ilumya*	Ilaris*
Inderal	Adderall
indinavir	Denavir
in**FLIX**imab	ri**TUX**imab
influenza virus vaccine	flumazenil
influenza virus vaccine	perflutren lipid microspheres
influenza virus vaccine	tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)
Inspra	Spiriva
Intuniv	Invega
Invanz	Avinza
Invega	Intuniv
iodine	Lodine
Isordil	Plendil
ISOtretinoin	tretinoin
Jantoven	Janumet

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Jantoven	Januvia
Janumet	Jantoven
Janumet	Januvia
Janumet	Sinemet
Januvia	Enjuvia
Januvia	Jantoven
Januvia	Janumet
Kadian	Kapidex
Kaletra	Keppra
Kaopectate (bismuth subsalcylate)	Kaopectate (docusate calcium)
Kaopectate (docusate calcium)	Kaopectate (bismuth subsalcylate)
Kapidex	Capadex [non-US product]
Kapidex	Capex
Kapidex	Casodex
Kapidex	Kadian
Kay Ciel	Kayexalate
Kayexalate	Kay Ciel
Keflex	Keppra
Keppra	Kaletra
Keppra	Keflex
Ketalar	ketorolac
ketamine*	ketorolac*
ketorolac	Ketalar
ketorolac*	ketamine*
ketorolac	methadone
Kineret	Amikin
Klono**PIN**	clo**NID**ine
K-Phos Neutral	Neutra-Phos-K
Kuric	Carac
Kwell	Qwell
labetalol	La**MIC**tal
labetalol	lamo**TRI**gine
La**MIC**tal	labetalol
La**MIC**tal	Lam**ISIL**
Lam**ISIL**	La**MIC**tal
lami**VUD**ine	lamo**TRI**gine
lamo**TRI**gine	lami**VUD**ine
lamo**TRI**gine	lev**ETIRA**cetam
lamo**TRI**gine	levothyroxine
lamo**TRI**gine	labetalol
Lanoxin	levothyroxine
Lanoxin	naloxone

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lanthanum carbonate	lithium carbonate
Lantus	Latuda
Lantus	Lente
Lariam	Levaquin
Lasix	Luvox
Lasix*	Wakix*
Latuda	Lantus
Lente	Lantus
Letairis	Letaris [non-US product]
Letaris [non-US product]	Letairis
leucovorin calcium	Leukeran
leucovorin calcium	**LEVO**leucovorin
Leukeran	Alkeran
Leukeran	leucovorin calcium
Leukeran	Myleran
Levaquin	Lariam
Levbid	Enbrel
Levemir	Lovenox
lev**ETIRA**cetam	lamo**TRI**gine
lev**ETIRA**cetam	lev**OCARN**itine
lev**ETIRA**cetam	levo**FLOX**acin
lev**OCARN**itine	lev**ETIRA**cetam
levo**FLOX**acin	lev**ETIRA**cetam
LEVOleucovorin	leucovorin calcium
levothyroxine	lamo**TRI**gine
levothyroxine	Lanoxin
levothyroxine	liothyronine
Lexapro	Loxitane
Lexiva	Pexeva
lina**CLO**tide	lina**GLIP**tin
lina**GLIP**tin	lina**CLO**tide
liothyronine	levothyroxine
Lipitor	Loniten
Lipitor	Zyr**TEC**
lithium	Ultram
lithium carbonate	lanthanum carbonate
Lodine	codeine
Lodine	iodine
Loniten	Lipitor
Lopressor	Lyrica
LORazepam	**ALPRAZ**olam
LORazepam	clonaze**PAM**
LORazepam	Lovaza
Lotronex	Protonix

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Lovaza	**LOR**azepam
Lovenox	Levemir
Loxitane	**FLU**oxetine
Loxitane	Lexapro
Loxitane	Soriatane
Lunesta	Neulasta
Lupron Depot-3 Month	Lupron Depot-Ped
Lupron Depot-Ped	Lupron Depot-3 Month
Luvox	Lasix
Lyrica	Hydrea
Lyrica	Lopressor
Maalox	Maalox Total Stomach Relief
Maalox Total Stomach Relief	Maalox
Malarone	mefloquine
Materna	Matulane
Matulane	Materna
Maxzide	Microzide
medroxy**PROGESTER**one	**HYDROXY**progesterone
medroxy**PROGESTER**one	methyl**PREDNIS**olone
medroxy**PROGESTER**one	methyl**TESTOSTER**one
mefloquine	Malarone
memantine	methadone
Menactra	Menomune
Menomune	Menactra
Mephyton	methadone
Metadate	methadone
Metadate CD	Metadate ER
Metadate ER	Metadate CD
Metadate ER	methadone
met**FORMIN**	metro**NIDAZOLE**
methadone	dexmethylphenidate
methadone	ketorolac
methadone	memantine
methadone	Mephyton
methadone	Metadate
methadone	Metadate ER
methadone	methylphenidate
methadone	met**OL**azone
methazol**AMIDE**	meth**IMA**zole
methazol**AMIDE**	met**OL**azone
Methergine	Brethine
meth**IMA**zole	methazol**AMIDE**
meth**IMA**zole	met**OL**azone
methotrexate	met**OL**azone

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methotrexate	MTX Patch (lidocaine and menthol)
methylene blue	VisionBlue
methylphenidate	methadone
methyl**PREDNIS**olone	medroxy**PROGESTER**one
methyl**PREDNIS**olone	methyl**TESTOSTER**one
methyl**TESTOSTER**one	medroxy**PROGESTER**one
methyl**TESTOSTER**one	methyl**PREDNIS**olone
met**OL**azone	methadone
met**OL**azone	methazol**AMIDE**
met**OL**azone	meth**IMA**zole
met**OL**azone	methotrexate
metoprolol succinate	metoprolol tartrate
metoprolol tartrate	metoprolol succinate
metro**NIDAZOLE**	met**FORMIN**
metyra**PONE**	metyro**SINE**
metyro**SINE**	metyra**PONE**
Mevacor	Benicar
Micronase	Microzide
Microzide	Maxzide
Microzide	Micronase
midodrine	Midrin
Midrin	midodrine
mi**FEPRIS**tone	mi**SOPROS**tol
mig**ALA**stat	mig**LU**stat
mig**LU**stat	mig**ALA**stat
Miralax	Mirapex
Mirapex	Miralax
mi**SOPROS**tol	mi**FEPRIS**tone
mito**MY**cin	mito**XANTRONE**
mito**XANTRONE**	mito**MY**cin
mito**XANTRONE**	MTX Patch (lidocaine and menthol)
morphine	**HYDRO**morphone
morphine - non-concentrated oral liquid	morphine - oral liquid concentrate
morphine - oral liquid concentrate	morphine - non-concentrated oral liquid
Motrin	Neurontin
MS Contin	Oxy**CONTIN**
MTX Patch (lidocaine and menthol)	methotrexate
MTX Patch (lidocaine and menthol)	mito**XANTRONE**

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Mucinex	Mucomyst
Mucinex (guai**FEN**esin)	Mucinex Allergy (fexofenadine)
Mucinex Allergy (fexofenadine)	Mucinex (guai**FEN**esin)
Mucinex D	Mucinex DM
Mucinex DM	Mucinex D
Mucomyst	Mucinex
Myleran	Alkeran
Myleran	Leukeran
nalbuphine	naloxone
naloxone	Lanoxin
naloxone	nalbuphine
Narcan	Norcuron
Natru-Vent	Atrovent
Navane	Norvasc
Neo-Synephrine (oxymetazoline)	Neo-Synephrine (phenylephrine)
Neo-Synephrine (phenylephrine)	Neo-Synephrine (oxymetazoline)
neratinib	nilotinib
neratinib	niraparib
Neulasta	Lunesta
Neulasta	Neumega
Neulasta	Nuedexta
Neumega	Neulasta
Neumega	Neupogen
Neupogen	Neumega
Neurontin	Motrin
Neurontin	Noroxin
Neutra-Phos-K	K-Phos Neutral
Nex**AVAR**	Nex**IUM**
Nex**IUM**	Nex**AVAR**
ni**CAR**dipine	**NIFE**dipine
ni**CAR**dipine	ni**MOD**ipine
NIFEdipine	ni**CAR**dipine
NIFEdipine	ni**MOD**ipine
nilotinib	neratinib
nilotinib	niraparib
ni**MOD**ipine	ni**CAR**dipine
ni**MOD**ipine	**NIFE**dipine
niraparib	neratinib
niraparib	nilotinib
nizatidine*	ti**ZAN**idine*
Norcuron	Narcan
Normodyne	Norpramin

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Noroxin	Neurontin
Norpramin	Normodyne
Norvasc	Navane
Novo**LIN**	Humu**LIN**
Novo**LIN**	Novo**LOG**
Novo**LIN** 70/30	Novo**LOG** Mix 70/30
Novo**LOG**	Huma**LOG**
Novo**LOG**	Novo**LIN**
Novo**LOG** Flexpen	Novo**LOG** Mix 70/30 Flexpen
Novo**LOG** Mix 70/30	Novo**LIN** 70/30
Novo**LOG** Mix 70/30 Flexpen	Novo**LOG** Flexpen
Nuedexta	Neulasta
nystatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors ("statins")
Occlusal-HP	Ocuflox
Ocuflox	Occlusal-HP
OLANZapine	**QUE**tiapine
Omacor	Amicar
omeprazole	fomepizole
opium tincture	paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)
Oracea	Orencia
Orencia	Oracea
Orgaran	argatroban
Ortho Tri-Cyclen	Ortho Tri-Cyclen LO
Ortho Tri-Cyclen LO	Ortho Tri-Cyclen
Os-Cal	Asacol
oxaprozin	**OX**carbazepine
OXcarbazepine	car**BAM**azepine
OXcarbazepine	oxaprozin
oxy**BUTY**nin	oxy**CODONE**
oxy**BUTY**nin*	Oxy**CONTIN***
oxy**BUTY**nin*	oxy**MOR**phone*
oxy**CODONE**	**HYDRO**codone
oxy**CODONE**	oxybutynin
oxy**CODONE**	Oxy**CONTIN**
oxy**CODONE**	oxy**MOR**phone
Oxy**CONTIN**	MS Contin
Oxy**CONTIN***	oxy**BUTY**nin*
Oxy**CONTIN**	oxy**CODONE**
Oxy**CONTIN**	oxy**MOR**phone
Oxy**CONTIN***	oxytocin*
oxy**MOR**phone	**HYDRO**morphone

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
oxy**MOR**phone*	oxy**BUTY**nin*
oxy**MOR**phone	oxy**CODONE**
oxy**MOR**phone	Oxy**CONTIN**
oxytocin*	Oxy**CONTIN***
PACLitaxel	**DOCE**taxel
PACLitaxel	**PACL**itaxel protein-bound particles
PACLitaxel protein-bound particles	**PACL**itaxel
Pamelor	Panlor DC
Pamelor	Tambocor
Panlor DC	Pamelor
paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)	opium tincture
PARoxetine	**DUL**oxetine
PARoxetine	**FLU**oxetine
PARoxetine	piroxicam
Patanol	Platinol
Pavulon	Peptavlon
Paxil	Doxil
Paxil	Plavix
Paxil	Taxol
Paxil*	Trexall*
PAZOPanib	**PONAT**inib
PEMEtrexed	**PRALA**trexate
penicill**AMINE**	penicillin
penicillin	penicill**AMINE**
PENTobarbital	**PHEN**obarbital
Peptavlon	Pavulon
Percocet	Darvocet
Percocet	Procet
perflutren lipid microspheres	influenza virus vaccine
Pexeva	Lexiva
PHENobarbital	**PENT**obarbital
PHYSostigmine*	py**RID**ostigminee*
Pilocar	Dilacor XR
piroxicam	**PAR**oxetine
Pitocin*	Pitressin*
Pitressin*	Pitocin*
Platinol	Patanol
Plavix	Paxil
Plavix	Pradax [Non-US Product]
Plavix	Pradaxa

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Plendil	Isordil
pneumococcal 7-valent vaccine	pneumococcal polyvalent vaccine
pneumococcal polyvalent vaccine	pneumococcal 7-valent vaccine
Polycitra	Bicitra
polyethylene glycol	propylene glycol
PONATinib	**PAZOP**anib
potassium acetate	sodium acetate
Pradax [Non-US Product]	Plavix
Pradaxa	Plavix
PRALAtrexate	**PEME**trexed
pralidoxime*	pyridoxine*
Prandin	Avandia
Precare	Precose
Precose	Precare
predniso**LONE**	predni**SONE**
predni**SONE**	predniso**LONE**
Prenexa	Ranexa
Pri**LOSEC**	Pristiq
Pri**LOSEC**	**PRO**zac
Priscoline	Apresoline
Pristiq	Pri**LOSEC**
probenecid	Procanbid
Procan SR	Procanbid
Procanbid	probenecid
Procanbid	Procan SR
Procardia XL	Protain XL
Procet	Percocet
Prograf	Proscar
Prograf	**PRO**zac
propylene glycol	polyethylene glycol
propylthiouracil	Purinethol
Proscar	Prograf
Proscar	Provera
Protain XL	Procardia XL
protamine	Protonix
proton pump inhibitors	**ARIP**iprazole
Protonix	Lotronex
Protonix	protamine
Provera	Proscar
Provera	**PRO**zac
PROzac	Pri**LOSEC**
PROzac	Prograf

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PROzac	Provera
Purinethol	propylthiouracil
Pyridium	pyridoxine
py**RID**ostigmine*	**PHYS**ostigmine*
py**RID**ostigmine*	pyridoxine*
pyridoxine	Pyridium
pyridoxine*	pralidoxime*
pyridoxine*	pyridostigmine*
QUEtiapine	**OLANZ**apine
qui**NID**ine	qui**NINE**
qui**NINE**	qui**NID**ine
Qwell	Kwell
RABEprazole	**ARIP**iprazole
Ranexa	Prenexa
ra**NITI**dine	ri**MANTA**dine
Rapaflo	Rapamune
Rapamune	Rapaflo
rasageline	repaglinide
Razadyne	Rozerem
Recombivax HB	Comvax
Regranex	Granulex
Remeron*	Rozerem*
Reminyl	Amaryl
Reminyl	Robinul
Renagel	Renvela
Renvela	Renagel
repaglinide	rasageline
Reprexain	Zy**PREXA**
Restoril	Risper**DAL**
Retrovir	ritonavir
ribavirin	riboflavin
riboflavin	ribavirin
rifabutin	rifapentine
Rifadin	Rifater
Rifamate	rif**AMP**in
rif**AMP**in	Rifamate
rif**AMP**in	rif**AXIM**in
rifapentine	rifabutin
Rifater	Rifadin
rif**AXIM**in	rif**AMP**in
ri**MANTA**dine	ra**NITI**dine
Risper**DAL**	Restoril
Risper**DAL**	r**OPINIR**ole
risperi**DONE**	r**OPINIR**ole

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Ritalin	ritodrine
Ritalin LA	Ritalin SR
Ritalin SR	Ritalin LA
ritodrine	Ritalin
ritonavir	Retrovir
Rituxan	Rituxan Hycela
Rituxan Hycela	Rituxan
ri**TUX**imab	in**FLIX**imab
Robinul	Reminyl
rocuronium*	Romazicon*
Romazicon*	rocuronium*
romi**DEP**sin	romi**PLOS**tim
romi**PLOS**tim	romi**DEP**sin
r**OPINIR**ole	Risper**DAL**
r**OPINIR**ole	risperi**DONE**
ROPivacaine*	**BUP**ivacaine*
Roxanol	Roxicet
Roxanol	Roxicodone Intensol
Roxicet	Roxanol
Roxicodone Intensol	Roxanol
Rozerem	Razadyne
Rozerem*	Remeron*
Salagen	selegiline
Sand**IMMUNE**	Sando**STATIN**
Sando**STATIN**	Sand**IMMUNE**
saquinavir	Sinequan
saquinavir (free base)	saquinavir mesylate
saquinavir mesylate	saquinavir (free base)
Sarafem	Serophene
s**AX**agliptin	**SIT**agliptin
selegiline	Salagen
Serophene	Sarafem
Seroquel	Desyrel
Seroquel	Seroquel XR
Seroquel	Serzone
Seroquel	Sinequan
Seroquel XR	Seroquel
sertraline	cetirizine
sertraline	Soriatane
Serzone	Seroquel
silodosin	sirolimus
Sinemet	Janumet
Sinequan	saquinavir
Sinequan	Seroquel

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Sinequan	Singulair
Sinequan	Zeniquin [veterinary drug]
Sinequan	Zonegran
Singulair	Sinequan
sirolimus	silodosin
SITagliptin	s**AX**agliptin
SITagliptin	**SUMA**triptan
Slynd*	Syeda*
sodium acetate	potassium acetate
Solu-**CORTEF**	**SOLU**-Medrol
SOLU-Medrol	**DEPO**-Medrol
SOLU-Medrol	Solu-**CORTEF**
Sonata	Soriatane
SORAfenib	**SUNI**tinib
Soriatane	Loxitane
Soriatane	sertraline
Soriatane	Sonata
sotalol	Sudafed
Spiriva	Apidra
Spiriva	Inspra
Spravato*	Steglatro*
stavudine	cetirizine
Steglatro*	Spravato*
Sudafed	sotalol
Sudafed	Sudafed PE
Sudafed 12 Hour	Sudafed 12 Hour Pressure + Pain
Sudafed 12 Hour Pressure + Pain	Sudafed 12 Hour
Sudafed PE	Sudafed
SUFentanil*	**AL**fentanil*
SUFentanil	fenta**NYL**
sulf**ADIAZINE**	sulfa**SALA**zine
sulf**ADIAZINE**	sulfi**SOXAZOLE**
sulfa**SALA**zine	cefuroxime
sulfa**SALA**zine	sulf**ADIAZINE**
sulfi**SOXAZOLE**	sulf**ADIAZINE**
SUMAtriptan	sita**GLIP**tin
SUMAtriptan	**ZOLMI**triptan
SUNItinib	**SORA**fenib
Syeda*	Slynd*
Symbyax	Cymbalta
tacrolimus	tamsulosin
Tambocor	Pamelor

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tamsulosin	tacrolimus
Tanzeum	Toujeo
Tanzeum	Tradjenta
Tanzeum	Tresiba
Tanzeum	Trulicity
Tarceva	Tresiba
Taxol	Paxil
Taxol	Taxotere
Taxotere	Taxol
Tegretol	Tegretol XR
Tegretol	Tequin
Tegretol	Trental
Tegretol XR	Tegretol
Tenex	Xanax
Tequin	Tegretol
Tequin	Ticlid
Testoderm	Testoderm TTS
Testoderm	Testoderm with Adhesive
Testoderm TTS	Testoderm
Testoderm TTS	Testoderm with Adhesive
Testoderm with Adhesive	Testoderm
Testoderm with Adhesive	Testoderm TTS
tetanus diptheria toxoid (Td)	tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)
T-Gel	Bio-T-Gel
Thalomid	Thiamine
Thiamine	Thalomid
Thrombate III*	thrombin topical (recombinant)*
thrombin topical (recombinant)*	Thrombate III*
tia**GAB**ine	ti**ZAN**idine
Tiazac	Ziac
Ticlid	Tequin
ti**ZAN**idine	tia**GAB**ine
ti**ZAN**idine*	nizatidine*
TNKase	Activase
TNKase	t-PA
Tobradex	Tobrex
Tobrex	Tobradex
TOLAZamide	**TOLBUT**amide
TOLBUTamide	**TOLAZ**amide
Topamax	Toprol-XL

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Toprol-XL	Topamax
Toradol	Foradil
Toujeo	Tanzeum
Toujeo	Tradjenta
Toujeo	Tresiba
Toujeo	Trulicity
t-PA	TNKase
Tracleer	Tricor
Tradjenta	Tanzeum
Tradjenta	Toujeo
Tradjenta	Tresiba
Tradjenta	Trulicity
tra**MAD**ol	tra**ZOD**one
trastuzumab	ado-trastuzumab emtansine
tra**ZOD**one	tra**MAD**ol
Trental	Tegretol
Tresiba	Tanzeum
Tresiba	Tarceva
Tresiba	Toujeo
Tresiba	Tradjenta
Tresiba	Trulicity
tretinoin	**ISO**tretinoin
Trexall*	Paxil*
Tricor	Tracleer
tromethamine	Trophamine
Trophamine	tromethamine
Trulicity	Tanzeum
Trulicity	Toujeo
Trulicity	Tradjenta
Trulicity	Tresiba
tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)	influenza virus vaccine
tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)	tetanus diptheria toxoid (Td)
Tylenol	Tylenol PM
Tylenol PM	Tylenol
Ultracet	Duricef
Ultram	lithium
Ure-Na (palatable form of oral urea)*	hydroxyurea*
val**ACY**clovir	val**GAN**ciclovir
Valcyte	Valtrex
val**GAN**ciclovir	val**ACY**clovir

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Valtrex	Valcyte
Varivax	VZIG (varicella-zoster immune globulin)
vasopressin	desmopressin
Venofer	Vfend
Venofer	Vimpat
Vesanoid	Vesicare
Vesicare	Vesanoid
Vesicare	Vessel Care (nutritional supplement)
Vessel Care (nutritional supplement)	Vesicare
Vexol	Vosol
Vfend	Venofer
Vfend	Vimpat
Viagra	Allegra
Vicodin	Visicol
Videx	Bidex
vigabatrin	dabigatran
Vimpat	Venofer
Vimpat	Vfend
vin**BLAS**tine	vin**CRIS**tine
vin**CRIS**tine	vin**BLAS**tine
Viokase	Viokase 8
Viokase 8	Viokase
Vioxx	Zyvox
Viracept	Viramune
Viramune	Viracept
Viramune (herbal product)	Viramune (nevirapine)
Viramune (nevirapine)	Viramune (herbal product)
Visicol	Vicodin
VisionBlue	methylene blue
Volumen	Voluven
Voluven	Volumen
Vosol	Vexol
VZIG (varicella-zoster immune globulin)	Varivax
Wakix*	Lasix*
Wellbutrin SR	Wellbutrin XL
Wellbutrin XL	Wellbutrin SR
Xanax	Fanapt
Xanax	Tenex
Xanax	Zantac
Xeloda	Xenical

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Xenical	Xeloda
Yasmin	Yaz
Yaz	Yasmin
Zantac	Xanax
Zantac (ra**NITI**dine) [no longer marketed in US]*	Zantac 360° (famotidine)*
Zantac	Zyr**TEC**
Zantac 360° (famotidine)*	Zantac (ra**NITI**dine) [no longer marketed in US]*
Zavesca (escitalopram) [non-US product]	Zavesca (miglustat)
Zavesca (miglustat)	Zavesca (escitalopram) [non-US product]
Zebeta	Diabeta
Zebeta	Zetia
Zegerid	Zestril
Zelapar (Zydis formulation)	Zy**PREXA** Zydis
Zemplar*	Zemuron*
Zemuron*	Zemplar*
Zeniquin [veterinary drug]	Sinequan
Zerit	Zyr**TEC**
Zestril	Zetia
Zestril	Zy**PREXA**
Zestril	Zegerid
Zetia	Bextra
Zetia	Zestril
Zetia	Zebeta
Ziac	Tiazac
Zocor	Cozaar
Zocor	Zyr**TEC**
ZOLMitriptan	**SUMA**triptan
zolpidem	Zyloprim
Zonegran	Sinequan
Zostrix	Zovirax
Zovirax	Doribax
Zovirax	Zostrix
Zovirax	Zyvox
Zyban	Diovan
Zyloprim	zolpidem
Zy**PREXA**	Cele**XA**
Zy**PREXA**	Reprexain
Zy**PREXA**	Zestril
Zy**PREXA**	Zyr**TEC**
Zy**PREXA** Zydis	Zelapar (Zydis formulation)

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Zyr**TEC**	Lipitor
Zyr**TEC**	Zantac
Zyr**TEC**	Zerit
Zyr**TEC**	Zocor
Zyr**TEC**	Zy**PREXA**
Zyr**TEC**	Zyr**TEC**-D
Zyr**TEC** (cetirizine)	Zyr**TEC** Itchy Eye Drops (ketotifen fumarate)

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Zyr**TEC** Itchy Eye Drops (ketotifen fumarate)	Zyr**TEC** (cetirizine)
Zyr**TEC**-D	Zyr**TEC**
Zyvox	Vioxx
Zyvox	Zovirax

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