

Safety strategies that may be used to prevent look-alike sound-alike (LASA) medication errors:

- Store LASA meds separately in PYXIS - ADCs (automated dispensing cabinets) & pharmacy
- Barcode scanning of meds on administration and/or stocking
- TALLman lettering in Epic, PYXIS - ADCs, pumps & labels
- LASA accessory labels to alert staff in PYXIS - ADCs and pharmacy
- Pay attention to detail and read labels

Commonly Confused Drug Name(s)					
benzodiazepine products (e.g. ALPRAZolam, clonazePAM, diazePAM, LORazepam)					
'caine' products (e.g. LIDOcaine, BUPivacaine (SENSorcaine), MEPIVAcaine (POLocaine, CARBocaine), ROPIvacaine, CHLOROPRocaine, PONTocaine, ARTIcaine (SEPTocaine)-dental, TETRAcaine (eye) - with and without EPINEPHrine and/or preservatives)					
cephalosporin products (e.g. ceFAZolin, ceFOXitin, cefTAZidime, cefTRIAXone, cefoTETan)					
alteplase (ACTivase, CATHFlo)	vs	tenecteplase (TNKase)			
buPROPion	vs	busPIRone			
cyclophosphamide (Cytosan)	vs	cycloSPORINE (Gengraf; Neoral; SandIMMUNE)			
DOBUTamine (Dobutrex)	vs	DOPamine (Intropin)			
guanFACINE	vs	guaiFENesin			
metoprolol succinate ER – extended release (Toprol XL)	vs	metoprolol tartrate IR – immediate release (Lopressor)			
niCARdipine (CarDENE)	vs	diITIAZem (carDIZEM)			
oxytocin (Pitocin)	vs	vasopressin (Pitressin)			
sulfaSALazine	vs	sulfADIAZINE			
valACYclovir (Valtrex)	vs	valGANciclovir (Valcyte)			
cloNIDine (Catapres)	vs	cloBAzam (Onfi)	vs	clonazePAM (Klonopin)	
ePHEDrine	vs	EPINEPHrine	vs	NORepinephrine	
hydrALAZINE (Apresoline)	vs	hydrOXYzine (all salt forms)	vs	hydrOXYchloroQUINE	
insulin NPH (NovoLIN N)	vs	insulin 70/30 (NovoLIN 70/30)	vs	insulin aspart (NovoLOG)	
ketamine (Ketalar)	vs	ketorolac (Toradol)	vs	ondansetron (Zofran)	
celecoxib (CeleBREX)	vs	EScitalopram (Lexapro)	vs	citalopram (CeleXA)	FOSphenytoin (Cerebyx)
HYDROmorphine (Dilaudid)	vs	morphine SA – sustained action (MS Contin)	vs	morphine IR – immediate release	oxyCODONE SA – sustained action (OxyCONTIN)
oxyCODONE IR – immediate release (Percolone)	vs	oxyCODONE SA – sustained action (OxyCONTIN)	vs	oxyCODONE /APAP (Percocet)	HYDROcodone /APAP (Norco)