

# BJACH Look-Alike and Sound-Alike Medications

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<b>Look-Alike Sound-Alike (LA/SA) Medications</b>	<b>General Safety Strategies for LA/SA Medications</b>
<p><b>Ephedrine and Epinephrine Inj Amps and Vials</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Hydromorphone (Injection) and Morphine (Injection)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Hydroxyzine and Hydralazine</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Insulin products</b> (all insulins)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Metformin 500mg, Metronidazole 250mg &amp; 500mg, Methocarbamol 500mg, and Methyldopa 250mg tablets.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Celebrex, Celexa, and Cerebyx</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Clonidine and Klonopin</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Lorazepam and Alprazolam</b></p> <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physically separate/segregate LA/SA drugs from their LA/SA counterparts</li><li>• Limit the non-pharmacy availability of LA/SA drugs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ for example: ensure that ephedrine and epinephrine are separated/ segregated from each other</li></ul></li><li>• Label the drug storage location (shelf, bin, drawer, etc.) of LA/SA drugs with LA/SA warning labels<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ LA/SA warning labels are available from the Pharmacy</li></ul></li><li>• Use tallman lettering in CHCS and Essentris order-entry screens.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ for example: HydrOXYzine and HydrRALAzine)</li></ul></li><li>• Essentris drug files contain both the Brand Name and Generic Name of LA/SA drugs to help staff to properly identify medications.</li><li>• Essentris drug files contain LA/SA warnings in the comment section of each LA/SA drug to call attention to the increased risk of interchange..</li><li>• Identify and safely manage additional LA/SA drugs in each care area, as necessary</li><li>• Educate staff in each patient care area about the risk of LA/SA medication interchange errors and about the appropriate safety strategies designed to reduce the risk of accidental interchange errors</li></ul>

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<b>Adderall XR and Adderall</b> <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emphasize (XR) on labeling and CHCS and Essentris</li></ul>
<b>Cefazolin and Ceftriaxone</b> <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use Tall Man lettering on labeling and CHCS and Essentris</li></ul>
<b>Oxycontin and Oxycodone</b> <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use Tall Man lettering on labeling and CHCS and Essentris</li></ul>
<b>Tramadol and Toradol</b> <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use Tall Man lettering on labeling and CHCS and Essentris</li></ul>
<b>Hespan and Heparin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use Tall Man lettering on labeling and CHCS and Essentris Physically separate/segregate LA/SA drugs from their LA/SA counterparts</li></ul>