Dear Sir,

I have compiled a listing of drugs whose names look alike or sound alike. When a pharmacist takes a prescription over the telephone or attempts to decipher a physician’s handwriting, a drug product not intended by the prescriber might be dispensed. Such an error might be the result of a sound-alike or look-alike drug.

I am enclosing a list of drugs used in urology which have striking similarities. Physicians are urged to exercise great care when telephoning or writing prescriptions.

Dilemmas in Drug Nomenclature

Aldactone – Aldactazide 15. Gantresin – Gantanol
Azotrex – Afrodex 16. Lasix – Laxsil
Cyta1 – Cytran17. NegGram – Negatan
Cyta1 – Cyna18. Pyridium – Karidium
Cyta1 – Cytron19. Regroton – Hygroton
Diuril – Darcil20. Saluron – Salrin
Diutensen – Salutensin 22. Trac – Tra1
Dolonil – Dilone 23. Urised – Urestrin

Dyazide – Thiacide 24. Urised – Uracel
Dyrenium – Pyridium 25. Urispas – Urised
Enduron – Eutron 26. Uritone – Urithol
Enduron – Imuran 27. Uritone – Uritral
Gantanol – Gentasol 28. Urobiotic – Orabotic
29. Urobiotic – Otobiotic

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