

NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE	CHAPTER <u>Health Services</u> STATEMENT NUMBER <u>6.63</u>
SUBJECT: FREQUENTLY CONFUSED MEDICATIONS PROPONENT: <u>Helen Hanks, Administrative Director</u> <i>Name/Title</i> <u>Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707</u> <i>Office Phone #</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <u>11/30/12</u> REVIEW DATE <u>11/30/13</u> SUPERSEDES PPD# <u>NEW</u> DATED <u>N/A</u>
ISSUING OFFICER: <hr/> <i>William Wrenn, Commissioner</i>	DIRECTOR'S INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____ APPENDIX ATTACHED: YES _____ NO _____
REFERENCE NO: See reference section on last page of PPD.	

- I. PURPOSE:
 To identify site specific sound alike/look alike medications to minimize the risk for confusion and occurrences.
- II. APPLICABILITY:
 To all healthcare staff.
- III. POLICY:
 It is the policy of the NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) that action to reduce errors will be taken for those medications linked to medication errors or have the potential to cause an occurrence, by maintaining a list of problem medication in the pharmacy.
- IV. PROCEDURE:
- A. A list of problem medications will be maintained and updated by the pharmacy with review by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
 - B. Various steps may be utilized to ensure prevention:
 1. Staff education and awareness;
 2. Relocation of medication either on the shelf or medication cabinet;
 3. Highlighting the name on the MAR;
 4. Highlighting the name on the container; or
 5. Pharmacy including brand and generic names on Ativan and Klonopin.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services
Third Edition Standards

Other

HANKS/pf

Attachment

NH Department of Corrections: Division of Medical & Forensic Services: Pharmacy Services

FREQUENTLY CONFUSED MEDICATIONS

Be aware of these medications that look or sound alike and double check that you have ordered, dispensed and administered the correction medication.

AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE) / COUMADIN (WARFARIN)

CELEBREX (CELECOXIB) / CELEZA (CITALOPROM)

CATAPRES (CLONODINE) / KLONOPIN (CLONAZEPAM)

ALL INSULIN PRODUCTS

ZYPREZA (OLANZAPINE) / ZYRTEC (CETIRIZINE)

LAMIVUDINE (EPIVIR) / LAMOTRIGINE (LAMICTAL)

PRILOSEC (OMPERAZOLE) / PROZAC (FLUOXETINE)

WELLBUTRIN SR (BUPROPION) / WELLBUTRIN XL (BUPROPION)

ZANTAC (TANTIDINE) / XANAN (ALPRAZOLAM)

ATIVAN (LORAZEPAM) / KLONOPIN (CLONAZEPAM)

LOMOTIL (DIPHENOXYLATE/ATROPINE)/ LAMICTIL (LAMOTRIGINE)