

- MM.5.3.5 Employing independent double checks.
- MM.5.4 The hospital develops and implements standard concentrations for all medications administered by intravenous infusion.

MM.6

ESR

The hospital has a system for the safety of look-alike and sound-alike (LASA) medications.

- MM.6.1 There is a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on handling look- alike/sound-alike (LASA) medications.
- MM.6.2 The hospital reviews and revises annually its list of confusing drug names, which include LASA medication name pairs that the hospital stores, dispenses, and administers.
- MM.6.3 The hospital takes actions to prevent errors involving LASA medications including the following, as applicable:
- MM.6.3.1 Providing education on LASA medications to healthcare professionals at orientation and as part of continuing education.
 - MM.6.3.2 Using both the brand and generic names for prescribing LASA medications.
 - MM.6.3.3 Writing the diagnosis/ indication of the LASA medication on the prescription.
 - MM.6.3.4 Changing the appearance of look-alike product package.
 - MM.6.3.5 Reading carefully the label each time a medication is accessed, and/or prior to administration.
 - MM.6.3.6 Minimizing the use of verbal and telephone orders.
 - MM.6.3.7 Checking the purpose/indication of the medication on the prescription prior to dispensing and administering.
 - MM.6.3.8 Placing LASA medications in locations separate from each other or in non-alphabetical order.

MM.7

The hospital establishes a multidisciplinary pharmacy and therapeutics committee or equivalent to provide oversight of the hospital formulary and medication use.

- MM.7.1 There is a pharmacy and therapeutics committee chaired by a senior medical or pharmaceutical care staff member.
- MM.7.2 There are terms of reference for the pharmacy and therapeutics committee that include committee's functions, membership, quorum, frequency of meetings, approval, and distribution of minutes.
- MM.7.3 The pharmacy and therapeutics committee meets on a regular basis (at least quarterly).
- MM.7.4 The meeting minutes of the committee reflects the members in attendance, items discussed, decisions reached, lead accountability assigned for action undertaken and subsequent reporting, as well as follow-up data for these activities.
- MM.7.5 Functions of the pharmacy and therapeutics committee include, but are not limited to, the following:
- MM.7.5.1 Serve in an evaluative, educational, and advisory capacity to the medical staff and hospital management in all matters pertaining to the use of medications.