



Continuing Education Monograph  
For Pharmacists, Nurses, and Pharmacy Technicians

# High Alert Drugs: Addressing Potential Errors Proactively

Patient safety is of utmost importance within health-systems; yet, medication errors continue at an alarming rate. Regulatory and accrediting organizations have developed standards addressing medication safety; however, additional focus by these organizations is likely. Implementation of technology to help prevent medication errors has been slow due to the cost and resources required. This monograph will identify medications and processes prone to error and describe how medication infusion technologies may help prevent those errors. Additionally, this program reviews the data generated by medication administration technology and describes how to use this data to assist in quality improvement programs to reduce medication errors.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, pharmacists and nurses will be able to:

- Identify medications and processes within the drug use system prone to error
- List current and potential error-prevention regulations and standards impacting health-systems
- Outline the advantages and disadvantages of currently available technologies designed to reduce the risk of medication errors
- Develop an implementation plan for intelligent infusion technology
- Describe the role of the health-system pharmacist and data generated by medication administration technologies in quality improvement strategies to minimize medication errors

Upon completion of this activity, pharmacy technicians will be able to:

- Define patient safety interventions developed since the publication of the original Institute of Medicine Reports
- Define medication errors and how they appear within the medication-use system
- Outline methods to improve safety of high-alert medications
- Outline a process to implement intelligent pump technology in a hospital

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