

ISMP's List of Confused Drug Names

This list of confused drug names, which includes look-alike and sound-alike name pairs, consists of those name pairs that have been involved in medication errors published in the *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!*[®] and the *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!*[®] Community/Ambulatory Care Edition. The errors involving these medications were reported to ISMP through the ISMP Medication Errors Reporting Program (MERP).

This list also contains the names that appear on The Joint Commission's list of look-alike and sound-alike names. The Joint Commission established a National Patient Safety Goal that requires each accredited organization to identify a list of look-alike or sound-alike drugs used in the organization. Those names that appear on The Joint Commission's list have been noted with an asterisk (*) below.

Drug Name	Confused Drug Name
Abelcet*	amphotericin B*
Accupril	Aciphex
acetaZOLAMIDE*	acetoHEXAMIDE*
acetic acid for irrigation	glacial acetic acid
acetoHEXAMIDE*	acetaZOLAMIDE*
Aciphex	Accupril
Aciphex	Aricept
Activase	Cathflo Activase
Activase	TNKase
Actonel	Actos
Actos	Actonel
Adacel (Tdap)	Daptacel (DTaP)
Adderall	Inderal
Adderall	Adderall XR
Adderall XR	Adderall
Advair*	Advicor*
Advicor*	Advair*
Advicor	Altocor
Afrin (oxymetazoline)	Afrin (saline)
Afrin (saline)	Afrin (oxymetazoline)
Aggrastat	argatroban
Aldara	Alora
Alkeran	Leukeran
Alkeran	Myleran
Allegra	Viagra
Alora	Aldara
ALPRAZolam*	LORazepam*
Altocor	Advicor
amantadine	amiodarone
Amaryl	Reminyl
Ambisome*	amphotericin B*
Amicar*	Omacor*
Amikin	Kineret
aMILoride	amLODIPine
amiodarone	amantadine

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amLODIPine	aMILoride
amphotericin B*	Abelcet*
amphotericin B*	Ambisome*
Anacin	Anacin-3
Anacin-3	Anacin
antacid	Atacand
Antivert	Axert
Anzemet	Avandamet
Apresoline	Priscoline
argatroban	Aggrastat
argatroban	Orgaran
Aricept	Aciphex
Aricept	Azilect
ariPIPrazole	proton pump inhibitors
ariPIPrazole	rabeprazole
Asacol	Os-Cal
Atacand	antacid
Atrovent	Natrū-Vent
Avandamet	Anzemet
Avandia	Prandin
Avandia*	Coumadin*
AVINza	INVanz
AVINza*	Evista*
Axert	Antivert
azaCITIDine	azaTHIOPrine
azaTHIOPrine	azaCITIDine
Azilect	Aricept
B & O (belladonna and opium)	Beano
BabyBIG	HBIG (hepatitis B immune globulin)
Bayhep-B	Bayrab
Bayhep-B	Bayrho-D
Bayrab	Bayhep-B
Bayrab	Bayrho-D
Bayrho-D	Bayhep-B
Bayrho-D	Bayrab

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Beano	B & O (belladonna and opium)	Clindesse	Clindets
Benadryl	benazepril	Clindets	Clindesse
benazepril	Benadryl	clomi PHE N	clomi PRAMINE
Benicar	Mevacor	clomi PRAMINE	clomi PHE N
Betadine (with providone-iodine)	Betadine (without providone-iodine)	clonaze PAM	cloNIDine
Betadine (without providone-iodine)	Betadine (with providone-iodine)	clonaze PAM	LORazepam
Bextra	Zetia	cloNIDine	clonaze PAM
Bicillin C-R	Bicillin L-A	cloNIDine*	KlonoPIN*
Bicillin L-A	Bicillin C-R	Clozaril	Colazal
Bicitra	Polycitra	Coagulation factor IX (recombinant)	Factor IX Complex, Vapor Heated
Brethine	Methergine	codeine	Lodine
Brevibloc	Brevital	Colace	Cozaar
Brevital	Brevibloc	Colazal	Clozaril
buPROPion	busPIRone	colchicine	Cortrosyn
busPIRone	buPROPion	Comvax	Recombivax HB
Capadex [non-US product]	Kapidex	Cortrosyn	colchicine
Capex	Kapidex	Coumadin*	Avandia*
Carac	Kuric	Coumadin*	Cardura*
captopril	carvedilol	Cozaar	Zocor
carBAMazepine	OXcarbazepine	cycloSERINE	cycloSPORINE
CARBOplatin	CISplatin	cycloSPORINE	cycloSERINE
Cardura*	Coumadin*	Cymbalta	Symbax
carvedilol	captopril	DACTINomycin	DAPTOmycin
Casodex	Kapidex	Daptacel (DTaP)	Adacel (Tdap)
Cathflo Activase	Activase	DAPTOmycin	DACTINomycin
Cedax	Cidex	Darvocet*	Percocet*
ceFAZolin	cefTRIAXone	Darvon	Diovan
ceFTRIAXone	ceFAZolin	DAUNOrubicin*	DAUNOrubicin citrate liposomal*
CeleBREX*	CeleXA*	DAUNOrubicin*	DOXOrubicin*
CeleBREX*	Cerebyx*	DAUNOrubicin*	IDAubucin*
CeleXA	ZyPREXA	DAUNOrubicin citrate liposomal*	DAUNOrubicin*
CeleXA*	CeleBREX*	Denavir	indinavir
CeleXA*	Cerebyx*	Depakote	Depakote ER
Cerebyx*	CeleBREX*	Depakote ER	Depakote
Cerebyx*	CeleXA*	Depo-Medrol	Solu-MEDROL
cetirizine	sertraline	Depo-Provera	Depo-subQ provera 104
chlordiazepOXIDE	chlorproMAZINE	Depo-subQ provera 104	Depo-Provera
chlorproMAZINE	chlordiazepOXIDE	desipramine	disopyramide
chlorproMAZINE	chlorproPAMIDE	dexamethylphenidate	methadone
chlorproPAMIDE	chlorproMAZINE	Diabenese	Diamox
Cidex	Cedax	Diabeta*	Zebeta*
CISplatin	CARBOplatin	Diamox	Diabenese
Claritin (loratadine)	Claritin Eye (ketotifen fumarate)	Diflucan*	Diprivan*
Claritin-D	Claritin-D 24	Dilacor XR	Pilocar
Claritin-D 24	Claritin-D	Dilauidid	Dilauidid-5
Claritin Eye (ketotifen fumarate)	Claritin (loratadine)		

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Dilauid-5	Dilauid
dimenhyDRINATE	diphenhydrAMINE
diphenhydrAMINE	dimenhyDRINATE
Dioval	Diovan
Diovan	Dioval
Diovan	Zyban
Diovan	Darvon
Diprivan*	Diflucan*
Diprivan	Ditropan
disopyramide	desipramine
Ditropan	Diprivan
DOBUTamine	DOPamine
DOPamine	DOBUTamine
Doxil	Paxil
DOXOrubicin*	DAUNOrubicin*
DOXOrubicin*	DOXOrubicin liposomal*
DOXOrubicin*	IDArubicin*
DOXOrubicin liposomal*	DOXOrubicin*
Dulcolax (bisacodyl)	Dulcolax (docusate sodium)
Dulcolax (docusate sodium)	Dulcolax (bisacodyl)
DULoxetine	FLUoxetine
Durasal	Durezol
Durezol	Durasal
Duricef	Ultracet
Dynacin	Dynacirc
Dynacirc	Dynacin
edetate calcium disodium	edetate disodium
edetate disodium	edetate calcium disodium
Effexor*	Effexor XR*
Effexor XR*	Effexor*
Enbrel	Levbid
Engerix-B adult	Engerix-B pediatric/adolescent
Engerix-B pediatric/adolescent	Engerix-B adult
Enjuvia	Januvia
ePHEDrine*	EPINEPHRine*
EPINEPHRine*	ePHEDrine*
Estratest	Estratest HS
Estratest HS	Estratest
ethambutol	Ethmozine
Ethmozine	ethambutol
Evista*	AVINza*
Factor IX Complex, Vapor Heated	Coagulation factor IX (recombinant)
Femara	Femhrt
Femhrt	Femara
fentaNYL	SUFentanil
Fioricet	Fiorinal

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Fiorinal	Fioricet
flavoxate	fluvoxamine
Flonase	Flovent
Flovent	Flonase
flumazenil	influenza virus vaccine
FLUoxetine	PARoxetine
FLUoxetine	DULoxetine
fluvoxamine	flavoxate
Folex	Foltx
folic acid*	folinic acid (leucovorin calcium)*
folinic acid (leucovorin calcium)*	folic acid*
Foltx	Folex
fomepizole	omeprazole
Foradil	Fortical
Foradil	Toradol
Fortical	Foradil
gentamicin	gentian violet
gentian violet	gentamicin
glacial acetic acid	acetic acid for irrigation
glipiZIDE	glyBURIDE
glyBURIDE	glipiZIDE
Granulex	Regranex
guaiFENesin	guanFACINE
guanFACINE	guaiFENesin
HBIG (hepatitis B immune globulin)	BabyBIG
Healon	Hyalgan
heparin*	Hespan*
Hespan*	heparin*
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors ("statins")	nystatin
HumaLOG*	Humulin*
HumaLOG*	NovoLOG*
HumaLOG Mix 75/25	Humulin 70/30
Humapen Memoir (for use with HumaLOG)	Humira Pen
Humira Pen	Humapen Memoir (for use with HumaLOG)
Humulin*	Novolin*
Humulin*	HumaLOG*
Humulin 70/30	HumaLOG Mix 75/25
Hyalgan	Healon
hydrALAZINE*	hydrOXYzine*
HYDROcodone*	oxyCODONE*
Hydrogesic	hydrOXYzine
HYDROMorphone*	morphine*
hydrOXYzine	Hydrogesic
hydrOXYzine*	hydrALAZINE*
IDArubicin*	DAUNOrubicin*
IDArubicin*	DOXOrubicin*

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Inderal	Adderall	Lariam	Levaquin
indinavir	Denavir	Lasix	Luvox
inFLIXimab	riTUXimab	Lente	Lantus
influenza virus vaccine	flumazenil	leucovorin calcium*	Leukeran*
influenza virus vaccine	tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)	Leukeran	Alkeran
Inspira	Spiriva	Leukeran	Myleran
INVanz	AVINza	Leukeran*	leucovorin calcium*
iodine	Lodine	Levaquin	Lariam
Isordil	Plendil	Levbid	Enbrel
isotretinoin	tretinoin	levetiracetam	levofloxacin
Jantoven	Janumet	levofloxacin	levetiracetam
Jantoven	Januvia	levothyroxine	lamoTRIGine
Janumet	Jantoven	levothyroxine	Lanoxin
Janumet	Januvia	Lexapro	Loxitane
Januvia	Jantoven	Lipitor	Loniten
Januvia	Janumet	Lipitor	ZyrTEC
K-Phos Neutral	Neutra-Phos-K	lithium carbonate	lanthanum carbonate
Kaopectate (bismuth subsalicylate)	Kaopectate (docusate calcium)	Lodine	codeine
Kaopectate (docusate calcium)	Kaopectate (bismuth subsalicylate)	Lodine	iodine
Kadian	Kapidex	Loniten	Lipitor
Kaletra	Keppra	Lopressor	Lyrica
Kapidex	Capadex [non-US product]	LORazepam*	ALPRAZolam*
Kapidex	Capex	LORazepam	clonazePAM
Kapidex	Casodex	LORazepam	Lovaza
Kapidex	Kadian	Lotronex	Protonix
Keflex	Keppra	Lovaza	LORazepam
Keppra	Kaletra	Loxitane	Lexapro
Keppra	Keflex	Lunesta	Soriatane
Ketalar	ketorolac	Lupron Depot-3 Month	Neulasta
ketorolac	Ketalar	Lupron Depot-Ped	Lupron Depot-Ped
ketorolac	methadone	Lupron Depot-Ped	Lupron Depot-3 Month
Kineret	Amikin	Luvox	Lasix
KlonoPIN*	cloNIDine *	Lyrica	Lopressor
Kuric	Carac	Maalox	Maalox Total Stomach Relief
Kwell	Qwell	Maalox Total Stomach Relief	Maalox
LaMICtal	LamISIL	Matulane	Materna
LamISIL	LaMICtal	Materna	Matulane
lamoVUDine*	lamoTRIGine*	Maxzide	Microzide
lamoTRIGine*	lamoVUDine*	Menactra	Menomune
lamoTRIGine	levothyroxine	Menomune	Menactra
Lanoxin	levothyroxine	Mephylton	methadone
Lanoxin	naloxone	Metadate	methadone
lanthanum carbonate	lithium carbonate	Metadate CD	Metadate ER
Lantus	Lente	Metadate ER	Metadate CD
		Metadate ER	methadone
		metFORMIN*	metroNIDAZOLE*

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methadone	dexamethylphenidate	Neurontin	Noroxin
methadone	ketorolac	Neutra-Phos-K	K-Phos Neutral
methadone	Mephylon	NexAVAR	NexIUM
methadone	Metadate	NexIUM	NexAVAR
methadone	Metadate ER	niCARdipine	NIFEEdipine
methadone	methylphenidate	NIFEEdipine	niCARdipine
Methergine	Brethine	NIFEEdipine	niMODipine
methimazole	metolazone	niMODipine	NIFEEdipine
methylphenidate	methadone	Norcuron	Narcan
metolazone	methimazole	Normodyne	Norpramin
metoprolol succinate	metoprolol tartrate	Noroxin	Neurontin
metoprolol tartrate	metoprolol succinate	Norpramin	Normodyne
metroNIDAZOLE*	metFORMIN*	Norvasc	Navane
Mevacor	Benicar	NovoLIN*	HumuLIN*
Micronase	Microzide	NovoLIN*	NovoLOG*
Microzide	Maxzide	NovoLIN 70/30*	NovoLOG Mix 70/30*
Microzide	Micronase	NovoLOG*	HumaLOG*
midodrine	Midrin	NovoLOG*	NovoLIN*
Midrin	midodrine	NovoLOG FLEXPEN	NovoLOG Mix 70/30 FLEXPEN
mifepristone	misoprostol	NovoLOG Mix 70/30 FLEXPEN	NovoLOG FLEXPEN
Miralax	Mirapex	NovoLOG Mix 70/30*	NovoLIN 70/30*
Mirapex	Miralax	nystatin	HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors ("statins")
misoprostol	mifepristone	Occlusal-HP	Ocuflax
morphine*	HYDROmorphine*	Ocuflox	Occlusal-HP
morphine - non-concentrated oral liquid*	morphine - oral liquid concentrate*	OLANzapine	QUEtiapine
morphine - oral liquid concentrate*	morphine - non-concentrated oral liquid*	Omacor*	Amicar*
Motrin	Neurontin	omeprazole	fomepizole
MS Contin*	OxyCONTIN*	opium tincture*	paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)*
Mucinex*	Mucomyst*	Oracea	Orencia
Mucinex D	Mucinex DM	Orencia	Oracea
Mucinex DM	Mucinex D	Orgaran	argatroban
Mucomyst*	Mucinex*	Ortho Tri-Cyclen	Ortho Tri-Cyclen LO
Myleran	Alkeran	Ortho Tri-Cyclen LO	Ortho Tri-Cyclen
Myleran	Leukeran	Os-Cal	Asacol
naloxone	Lanoxin	OXcarbazepine	carBAMazepine
Narcan	Norcuron	oxyCODONE*	HYDROcodone*
Natru-Vent	Atrovent	oxyCODONE*	OxyCONTIN*
Navane	Norvasc	OxyCONTIN*	MS Contin*
Neo-Synephrine (oxymetazoline)	Neo-Synephrine (phenylephrine)	OxyCONTIN*	oxyCODONE*
Neo-Synephrine (phenylephrine)	Neo-Synephrine (oxymetazoline)	paclitaxel	paclitaxel protein-bound particles
Neulasta	Lunesta	paclitaxel protein-bound particles	paclitaxel
Neulasta	Neumega	Pamelor	Panlor DC
Neumega	Neupogen	Pamelor	Tambocor
Neumega	Neulasta	Panlor DC	Pamelor
Neupogen	Neumega	paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)*	opium tincture*
Neurontin	Motrin	PARoxetine	FLUoxetine

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Patanol	Platinol
Pavulon	Peptavlon
Paxil	Doxil
Paxil	Taxol
Paxil	Plavix
pemetrexed	pralatrexate
Peptavlon	Pavulon
Percocet*	Darvocet*
Percocet	Proctet
PENTobarbital	PHENobarbital
PHENobarbital	PENTobarbital
Pilocar	Dilacor XR
Platinol	Patanol
Plavix	Paxil
Plendil	Isordil
pneumococcal 7-valent vaccine	pneumococcal polyvalent vaccine
pneumococcal polyvalent vaccine	pneumococcal 7-valent vaccine
Polycitra	Bicitra
pralatrexate	pemetrexed
Prandin	Avandia
Precare	Precose
Precose	Precare
prednisolONE	predniSONE
predniSONE	prednisolONE
PriLOSEC*	PROzac*
Priscoline	Apresoline
probencid	Procambid
Procan SR	Procambid
Procanbid	probencid
Procanbid	Procan SR
Procardia XL	Protain XL
Proctet	Percocet
Prograf	PROzac
propylthiouracil	Purinethol
Proscar	Provera
Protain XL	Procardia XL
protamine	Protonix
proton pump inhibitors	aripiprazole
Protonix	Lotronex
Protonix	protamine
Provera	Proscar
Provera	PROzac
PROzac	Prograf
PROzac*	PriLOSEC*
PROzac	Provera
Purinethol	propylthiouracil

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QUEtiapine	OLANZapine
quiNIDine	quiNINE
quiNINE	quiNIDine
Qwell	Kwell
rabeprazole	aripiprazole
Razadyne	Rozerem
Recombivax HB	Comvax
Regranex	Granulex
Reminyl	Robinul
Reminyl	Amaryl
Renagel	Renvela
Renvela	Renagel
Reprexain	ZyPREXA
Restoril	Risperdal
Retrovir*	ritonavir*
Rifadin	Rifater
Rifamate	rifampin
rifampin	Rifamate
rifampin	rifaximin
Rifater	Rifadin
rifaximin	rifampin
Risperdal	Restoril
risperidone	ropinirole
Ritalin	ritodrine
Ritalin LA	Ritalin SR
Ritalin SR	Ritalin LA
ritodrine	Ritalin
ritonavir*	Retrovir*
riTUXimab	inFLIXimab
Robinul	Reminyl
ropinirole	risperidone
Roxanol	Roxicodone Intensol
Roxanol	Roxicet
Roxicet	Roxanol
Roxicodone Intensol	Roxanol
Roserem	Razadyne
Salagen	selegiline
SandIMMUNE	SandoSTATIN
SandoSTATIN	SandIMMUNE
saquinavir	SINEquan
saquinavir (free base)	saquinavir mesylate
saquinavir mesylate	saquinavir (free base)
Sarafem	Serophene
selegiline	Salagen
Serophene	Sarafem
SEROquel	SEROquel XR

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SEROquel	Serzone	Testoderm	Testoderm with Adhesive
SEROquel	SINEquan	tetanus diphtheria toxoid (Td)	tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)
SEROquel XR	SEROquel	Thalomid	Thiamine
sertraline	cetirizine	Thiamine	Thalomid
sertraline	Soriatane	tiaGABine*	tiZANidine*
Serzone	SEROquel	Tiazac	Ziac
Sinemet	Janumet	Ticlid	Tequin
SINEquan	saquinavir	tiZANidine*	tiaGABine*
SINEquan	SEROquel	TNKase	Activase
SINEquan	Singulair	TNKase	t-PA
SINEquan	Zonegran	Tobradex	Tobrex
Singulair	SINEquan	Tobrex	Tobradex
sitaGLIptin	SUMatriptan	TOLAZamide	TOLBUTamide
Solu-CORTEF	Solu-MEDROL	TOLBUTamide	TOLAZamide
Solu-MEDROL	Depo-Medrol	Topamax*	Toprol-XL*
Solu-MEDROL	Solu-CORTEF	Toprol-XL*	Topamax*
Sonata	Soriatane	Toradol	Foradil
Soriatane	Loxitane	t-PA	TNKase
Soriatane	sertraline	Tracleer	Tricor
Soriatane	Sonata	traMADol*	traZODone*
sotalol	Sudafed	traZODone*	traMADol*
Spiriva	Inspira	TRENTal	TEGretol
Sudafed	sotalol	tretinoin	isotretinoin
Sudafed	Sudafed PE	Tricor	Tracleer
Sudafed PE	Sudafed	tromethamine	Trophamine
SUFentanil	fentaNYL	Trophamine	tromethamine
sulfADIAZINE	sulfSOXAZOLE	tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)	influenza virus vaccine
sulfSOXAZOLE	sulfADIAZINE	tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD)	tetanus diphtheria toxoid (Td)
SUMatriptan	sitaGLIptin	Tylenol	Tylenol PM
SUMatriptan	zolmitriptan	Tylenol PM	Tylenol
Symbax	Cymbalta	Ultracet	Duricef
Tambocor	Pamelor	valacyclovir	valganciclovir
Taxol	Taxotere	Valcyte	Valtrex
Taxol	Paxil	valganciclovir	valacyclovir
Taxotere	Taxol	Valtrex	Valcyte
TEGretol	TEGretol XR	Varivax	VZIG (varicella-zoster immunoglobulin)
TEGretol	Tequin	Vesanoid	Vesicare
TEGretol	TRENTal	Vesicare	Vesanoid
TEGretol XR	TEGretol	Vexol	Vosol
Tequin	TEGretol	Viagra	Allegra
Tequin	Ticlid	vinBLAStine*	vinCRIStine*
Testoderm TTS	Testoderm	vinCRIStine*	vinBLAStine*
Testoderm TTS	Testoderm with Adhesive	Viokase	Viokase 8
Testoderm with Adhesive	Testoderm	Viokase 8	Viokase
Testoderm with Adhesive	Testoderm TTS	Vioxx	Zyvox
Testoderm	Testoderm TTS	Viracept	Viramune

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Viramune	Viracept	Zocor	Cozaar
Vosol	Vexol	Zocor*	ZyrTEC*
VZIG (varicella-zoster immunoglobulin)	Varivax	zolmitriptan	SUMAtriptan
Wellbutrin SR*	Wellbutrin XL*	Zonegran	SINEquan
Wellbutrin XL*	Wellbutrin SR*	Zostrix	Zovirax
Xanax*	Zantac*	Zovirax	Zyvox
Xeloda	Xenical	Zovirax	Zostrix
Xenical	Xeloda	Zyban	Diovan
Yasmin	Yaz	ZyPREXA	CeleXA
Yaz	Yasmin	ZyPREXA	Reprexain
Zantac*	Xanax*	ZyPREXA*	Zestril*
Zantac*	ZyrTEC*	ZyPREXA*	ZyrTEC*
Zebeta*	Diabeta*	ZyPREXA Zydis	Zelapar (Zydis formulation)
Zebeta	Zetia	ZyrTEC	Lipitor
Zegerid	Zestril	ZyrTEC*	Zantac*
Zelapar (Zydis formulation)	ZyPREXA Zydis	ZyrTEC*	Zocor*
Zestril	Zegerid	ZyrTEC*	ZyPREXA*
Zestril*	Zetia*	ZyrTEC	ZyrTEC-D
Zestril*	ZyPREXA*	ZyrTEC (cetirizine)	ZyrTEC Itchy Eye Drops (ketotifen fumarate)
Zetia	Bextra	ZyrTEC-D	ZyrTEC
Zetia	Zebeta	ZyrTEC Itchy Eye Drops (ketotifen fumarate)	ZyTAC (cetirizine)
Zetia*	Zestril*	Zyvox	Viox
Ziac	Tiazac	Zyvox	Zovirax

* These drug names are included on the The Joint Commission's list of look-alike or sound-alike drug names from which an accredited organization creates its own list to satisfy the requirements of the National Patient Safety Goals. Visit www.jointcommission.org for more information about this Joint Commission requirement.

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