

Drug Names That Look and Sound Alike

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No drug name is without problems. Any name can be written or spoken poorly enough so that it can be mistaken for another.

Listed in the accompanying table are drug names that can look and/or sound alike. Some are dangerously close, whereas others require incomplete prescribing information, poor communications skills, poor listening, and/or a lack of knowledge about the drugs for an error to result.

To reduce errors, practitioners must share the common goal of drug name safety with pharmaceutical manufacturers, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Adopted Name Council (USANC), and the United States Pharmacopeia (USP).

The potential for errors can be reduced by:

- Pretesting proposed names for

error potential

- Careful selection of trademarks and generic names by manufacturers, FDA, WHO, and USANC.
- Legible handwriting
- Clear oral communications
- Writing complete drug orders
- Specifying the dosage form (eg, tablet)
- Specifying the drug strength (eg, 100 mg)
- Specifying directions (eg, take one daily with breakfast)
- Specifying the purpose/indication (eg, take one daily with breakfast to control blood pressure)
- Printing orders for new or rarely prescribed drugs
- Using computer-generated orders
- Being aware of the drugs that are available and paying careful attention to the work at hand (for those involved in drug dispensing and administration)
- Knowing the patient's condi-

tion/problems, to ascertain if the drug name which has been read or heard is indicated

- Double-checking completed prescriptions in the pharmacy
- Educating patients about their drug regimens (this serves as another, final check that the prescription was properly read and dispensed)

If prescriptions are not computer generated, they should be for-



matted so that prescribers must print the name and strength in blocks like these:

The blocks should be preprinted in a 30% tint of black so that the lines appear a light but visible grey. This will prevent a T from looking like an I (if the top of the T falls across the block outline), an E from looking like an F, an L from looking like an I, a 7 from looking like a 1, and a 2 from looking like a 7.

This list has been prepared to sensitize health professionals and their support personnel to the need for proper communication when writing, speaking, reading, and hearing drug names.

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abciximab arcitumomab	alprostadil alprazolam	Anturane Antabuse
Accolate Accupril	Altace alteplase	Anusol Aplisol
Accupril Accolate	Altace Artane	Anusol Aquasol
Accurbron Accutane	alteplase anistreplase	Anzemet Aldomet
Accutane Accurbron	alteplase Altace	Aplisol Aplitest
acetazolamide acetoexamide	Alupent Atrovent	Aplisol Anusol
acetoexamide acetazolamide	Amaryl Amerge	Aplisol Atropisol
acetylcholine acetylcysteine	Ambenyl Aventyl	Aplitest Aplisol
acetylcysteine acetylcholine	Ambien Amen	Apresazide Apresoline
Acthar Acthrel	Amen Ambien	Apresoline Apresazide
Acthar Acular	Amerge Amaryl	Aquasol Anusol
Acthrel Acthar	Amicar Amikin	ara-C Arasine
Acular Acthar	Amicar amikacin	Arasine ara-C
adapalene Adapin	amikacin Amicar	arcitumomab abciximab
Adapin adapalene	Amikin Amicar	Aricept Ascriptin
Adderall Inderal	amiloride amiodarone	Artane Altace
Adeflor M Aldoclor	amiloride amlodipine	Artane Anturane
Adriamycin Idamycin	aminophylline amitriptyline	Asacol Os-Cal
Afrin aspirin	aminophylline ampicillin	Ascriptin Aricept
Albutein albuterol	amiodarone amiloride	Asendin aspirin
albuterol atenolol	amiodarone amrinone	aspirin Asendin
albuterol Albutein	Amipaque Omnipaque	aspirin Afrin
Alcaine Alcare	amitriptyline nortriptyline	Atarax Ativan
Alcare Alcaine	amitriptyline aminophylline	Atarax Marax
Aldactazide Aldactone	amlodipine amiloride	atenolol timolol
Aldactone Aldactazide	amoxapine amoxicillin	atenolol albuterol
Aldoclor Aldoril	amoxicillin amoxapine	Ativan Avitene
Aldoclor Adeflor M	ampicillin aminophylline	Ativan Atarax
Aldomet Aldoril	amrinone amiodarone	Atropisol Aplisol
Aldomet Anzemet	Anafranil enalapril	Atrovent Alupent
Aldoril Aldoclor	Anafranil nafarelin	Avalide Avandia
Aldoril Aldomet	Anafranil alfentanil	Avandia Coumadin
Aleve Alesse	Anaprox Anaspaz	Aventyl Ambenyl
Alfenta Sufenta	Anaspaz Anaprox	Aventyl Bentlyl
alfentanil Anafranil	Ancobon Oncovin	Aventyl Serentil
alfentanil fentanyl	anisindione anisotropine	Avitene Ativan
alfentanil sufentanil	anisotropine anisindione	azatadine azathioprine
Alkeran Leukeran	anistreplase alteplase	azathioprine azidothymidine
alprazolam lorazepam	Antabuse Anturane	azathioprine Azulfidine
alprazolam alprostadil	Anturane Artane	

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azathioprine azatadine	Bronkodyl Bronkosol	cefmetazole cefamandole
azidothymidine azathioprine	Bronkosol Bronkodyl	Cefobid cefonicid
Azulfidine azathioprine	Bumex Buprenex	cefonicid Cefobid
bacitracin Bactrim	bupivacaine mepivacaine	Cefotan Ceftin
bacitracin Bactroban	Buprenex Bumex	cefotaxime cefoxitin
baclofen Bactroban	bupropion buspirone	cefotaxime cefuroxime
baclofen Beclovent	buspirone bupropion	cefotaxime ceftizoxime
Bactrim bacitracin	butabarbital Butalbital	cefotetan cefoxitin
Bactroban bacitracin	Butalbital butabarbital	cefoxitin Cytoxan
Bactroban baclofen	Cafergot Carafate	cefoxitin cefotaxime
Banthine Brethine	Caladryl calamine	cefoxitin cefotetan
Beclovent baclofen	calamine Caladryl	cefprozil cefazolin
Beminal Benemid	calcifediol calcitriol	ceftazidime ceftizoxime
Benadryl Bentyl	calciferol calcitriol	Ceftin Cefotan
Benadryl Benylin	calcitonin calcitriol	ceftizoxime ceftazidime
Benadryl benazepril	calcitriol calcifediol	ceftizoxime cefotaxime
benazepril Benadryl	calcitriol calciferol	cefuroxime cefotaxime
Benemid Beminal	calcitriol calcitonin	cefuroxime deferoxamine
Benoxyl PerOxyl	calcium glubionate	Cefzil Kefzol
Benoxyl Brevoxyl calcium gluconate	Celebrex Cerebyx
Bentyl Aventyl	calcium gluconate	Cepastat Capastat
Bentyl Benadryl calcium glubionate	cephalexin cephalothin
Benylin Ventolin	Capastat Cepastat	cephalothin cefazolin
Benylin Benadryl	Capitrol Captopril	cephalothin cephalixin
benztropine bromocriptine	Captopril Capitrol	cephapirin cephradine
Bepidil Prepidil	Carafate Cafergot	cephradine cephapirin
Betadine betaine	Carbex Surbex	Cerebyx Cerezyme
Betagan Betagen	Carboplatin Cisplatin	Cerebyx Celebrex
Betagen Betagen	Cardene Cardura	Ceredase Cerezyme
betaine Betadine	Cardene codeine	Cerezyme Cerebyx
Betoptic Betoptic S	Cardene SR Cardizem SR	Cerezyme Ceredase
Betoptic S Betoptic	Cardizem SR Cardene SR	Cetaphil Cetapred
Bicillin V-Cillin	Cardura Coumadin	Cetapred Cetaphil
Bicillin Wycillin	Cardura K-Dur	Cetapred Catapres
Brethaire Brethine	Cardura Cardene	Chenix Cystex
Brethine Banthine	Cardura Cordarone	chlorambucil Chloromycetin
Brethine Brethaire	Catapres Cetapred	Chloromycetin chlorambucil
Brevoxyl Benoxyl	Catapres Combipres	chloroxine Choloxin
brimonidine bromocriptine	cefamandole cefmetazole	chlorpromazine chlorpropamide
bromocriptine benztropine	cefazolin cephalothin	
bromocriptine brimonidine	cefazolin cefprozil	

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chlorpromazine	clomipramine	Cort-Dome	Cortone	Daranide	Daraprim
chlorpropamide	chlorpromazine	Cortone	Cort-Dome	Daraprim	Dantrium
Choloxin	chloroxine	Cortrosyn	Cotazym	Daraprim	Daranide
Chorex	Chymex	Cotazym	Cortrosyn	Darvocet-N	Darvon-N
Chymex	Chorex	co-trimoxazole	clotrimazole	Darvon-N	Darvocet-N
Cidex	Lidex	Coumadin	Avandia	daunorubicin	doxorubicin
Ciloxan	Cytoxan	Coumadin	Kemadrin	daunorubicin	dactinomycin
Ciloxan	cinoxacin	Coumadin	Cardura	deferoxamine	cefuroxime
cimetidine	simethicone	Cozaar	Zacor	Delsym	Desyrel
cinoxacin	Ciloxan	cyclobenzaprine	cycloserine	Demerol	Demulen
Cisplatin	Carboplatin	cyclobenzaprine	cyproheptadine	Demerol	Dymelor
Citracal	Citrucel	cyclophosphamide	cyclosporine	Demerol	Temaril
Citrucel	Citracal	cycloserine	cyclosporine	Demulen	Dalmane
Clinoril	Clozaril	cycloserine	cyclobenzaprine	Demulen	Demerol
clofazimine	clozapine	cyclosporin	Cyklokapron	Depen	Endep
clofibrate	clorazepate	cyclosporine	cyclophosphamide	Depo-Estradiol	Depo-Testadiol
clomiphene	clomipramine	cyclosporine	cycloserine	Depo-Medrol	Solu-Medrol
clomiphene	clonidine	Cyklokapron	cyclosporin	Depo-Testadiol	Depo-Estradiol
clomipramine	chlorpromazine	cyproheptadine	cyclobenzaprine	Dermatop	Dimetapp
clomipramine	clomiphene	Cystex	Chenix	Desferal	Disophrol
clonidine	quinidine	Cytadren	cytarabine	desipramine	disopyramide
clonidine	clomiphene	cytarabine	vidarabine	desipramine	imipramine
clorazepate	clofibrate	cytarabine	Cytadren	desoximetasone	dexamethasone
clotrimazole	co-trimoxazole	CytoGam	Cytoxan	Desoxyn	digitoxin
Cloxapen	clozapine	Cytosar U	Cytovene	Desoxyn	digoxin
clozapine	clofazimine	Cytosar U	Cytoxan	Desyrel	Zestril
clozapine	Cloxapen	Cytotec	Cytoxan	Desyrel	Delsym
Clozaril	Clinoril	Cytovene	Cytosar U	dexamethasone	desoximetasone
codeine	Cardene	Cytoxan	Cytotec	Dexedrine	dextran
codeine	Lodine	Cytoxan	Cytosar U	Dexedrine	Excedrin
codeine	Cordran	Cytoxan	CytoGam	dextran	Dexedrine
Combipres	Catapres	Cytoxan	cefoxitin	DiaBeta	Zebeta
Combivent	Combivir	Cytoxan	Ciloxan	Dialume	Dalmane
Combivir	Combivent	dacarbazine	Dicarbosil	Diamox	Trimox
Compazine	Copaxone	dacarbazine	procarbazine	diazepam	diazoxide
Comvax	Recombivax	Dacriose	Danocrine	diazepam	Ditropan
Copaxone	Compazine	Dalmane	Dialume	diazoxide	Dyazide
Cordarone	Cardura	Dalmane	Demulen	diazoxide	diazepam
Cordarone	Cordran	Danocrine	Dacriose	Dicarbosil	dacarbazine
Cordran	codeine	Dantrium	Daraprim		
Cordran	Cordarone	dapsone	Diprosone		

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dichloroacetic acid	doxapram Doxinate	enalapril Eldepryl
. trichloroacetic acid	doxapram doxorubicin	encainide flecainide
diclofenac Diflucan	doxazosin doxapram	Endep Depen
diclofenac Duphalac	doxazosin doxorubicin	Enduronyl Forte Inderal 40 mg
dicyclomine dyclonine	doxazosin doxepin	enflurane isoflurane
dicyclomine doxycycline	doxepin doxazosin	Entex Tenex
Diflucan diclofenac	doxepin digoxin	ephedrine epinephrine
digitoxin digoxin	doxepin doxapram	epinephrine ephedrine
digitoxin Desoxyn	doxepin Doxidan	Epogen Neupogen
digoxin doxepin	Doxidan doxepin	Equagesic . EquiGestic (Veterinary)
digoxin Desoxyn	Doxil Paxil	Equanil Elavil
digoxin digitoxin	Doxinate doxapram	EquiGestic (Veterinary) . Equagesic
Dilantin Dilaudid	doxorubicin idarubicin	Erex Urex
Dilaudid Dilantin	doxorubicin doxapram	Eryc Emcyt
dimenhydrinate diphenhydramine	doxorubicin dactinomycin	Erythrocin Ethmozine
Dimetane Dimetapp	doxorubicin daunorubicin	Esimil Estinyl
Dimetapp Dermatop	doxorubicin doxacurium	Esimil Ismelin
Dimetapp Dimetane	doxorubicin doxazosin	Estinyl Esimil
diphenhydramine dimenhydrinate	doxycycline doxylamine	Estraderm Testoderm
Diprosone dapsone	doxycycline dicyclomine	Ethamolin ethanol
dipyridamole disopyramide	doxylamine doxycycline	ethanol Ethamolin
Disophrol Desferal	dronabinol droperidol	ethanol Ethylol
disopyramide desipramine	droperidol dronabinol	Ethmozine Erythrocin
disopyramide dipyridamole	Duphalac diclofenac	ethosuximide methsuximide
dithranol Ditropan	Dyazide diazoxide	Ethylol ethanol
Ditropan diazepam	dyclonine dicyclomine	etidocaine etidronate
Ditropan dithranol	Dymelor Demerol	etidronate etretinate
dobutamine dopamine	Dynabac Dynacin	etidronate etidocaine
Dolobid Slo-bid	Dynabac DynaCirc	etidronate etomidate
Donnagel Donnatal	Dynacin DynaCirc	etomidate etidronate
Donnatal Donnagel	Dynacin Dynabac	etretinate etidronate
dopamine Dopram	DynaCirc Dynabac	Eurax Serax
dopamine dobutamine	DynaCirc Dynacin	Eurax Urex
Dopar Dopram	Ecotrin Edecrin	Excedrin Dexedrine
Dopram dopamine	Ecotrin Akineton	Factrel Sectaral
Dopram Dopar	Edecrin Ecotrin	fentanyl alfentanil
doxacurium doxapram	Elavil Equanil	Feosol Fer-in-Sol
doxacurium doxorubicin	Elavil Mellaril	Feosol Festal
doxapram doxepin	Eldepryl enalapril	Feosol Fluosol
doxapram doxacurium	Emcyt Eryc	Feridex Fertinex
doxapram doxazosin	enalapril Anafranil	

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Fer-in-Sol Feosol	Gantrisin Gantanol	Heparin Hespan
Ferralyn Verelan	Glaucon glucagon	Hespan Heparin
Fertinex Feridex	glimepiride glipizide	Humalog Humulin
Festal Feosol	glipizide glyburide	Humulin Humalog
Fioricet Fiorinal	glipizide glimepiride	Hycodan Hycomine
Fiorinal Florinef	glucagon Glaucon	Hycodan Vicodin
Fiorinal Fioricet	Glucotrol glyburide	Hycomine Hycodan
Flaxedil Flexeril	glutethimide guanethidine	hydralazine hydroxyzine
flecainide encainide	glyburide glipizide	hydrochlorothiazide
Flexeril Floxin	glyburide Glucotrol	hydroflumethiazide
Flexeril Flaxedil	GoLYTELY NuLyteLy	hydrocortisone
Flexon Floxin	gonadorelin gonadotropin	hydroxychloroquine
Flomax Fosamax	gonadorelin guanadrel	hydroflumethiazide
Flomax Volmax	gonadotropin gonadorelin	hydrochlorothiazide
Florinef Fiorinal	guaifenesin guanfacine	hydromorphone morphine
Florvite Folvite	guanabenz guanadrel	hydroxychloroquine
Floxin Flexeril	guanabenz guanfacine	hydrocortisone
Floxin Flexon	guanadrel gonadorelin	hydroxyprogesterone
Fludara FUDR	guanadrel guanabenz	medroxyprogesterone
Flumadine flunisolide	guanethidine guanidine	hydroxyurea hydroxyzine
Flumadine flutamide	guanethidine glutethimide	hydroxyzone hydralazine
flunisolide fluocinonide	guanfacine guanidine	hydroxyzone hydroxyurea
flunisolide Flumadine	guanfacine guaifenesin	Hygroton Regroton
fluocinolone fluocinonide	guanfacine guanabenz	HyperHep Hyperstat
fluocinonide flunisolide	guanidine guanethidine	HyperHep Hyper-Tet
fluocinonide fluocinolone	guanidine guanfacine	Hyperstat Nitrostat
Fluosol Feosol	halcinonide Halcion	Hyperstat Hyper-Tet
fluoxetine fluvastatin	Halcion Haldol	Hyperstat HyperHep
flutamide Flumadine	Halcion Healon	Hyper-Tet HyperHep
fluvastatin fluoxetine	Halcion halcinonide	Hyper-Tet Hyperstat
folic acid folic acid	Haldol Halog	Hytone Vytone
folic acid folic acid	Haldol Halcion	Idamycin Adriamycin
Folvite Florvite	Halfprin 81 1/2 Halprin	idarubicin doxorubicin
Fosamax Flomax	1/2 Halprin Halfprin 81	lletin Lente
fosinopril lisinopril	Halog Haldol	Imipenem Omnipen
FUDR Fludara	Halotestin Halotex	imipenem meropenem
Fulvicin Furacin	Halotestin halothane	imipramine desipramine
Furacin Fulvicin	Halotex Halotestin	lmodium lonamin
furosemide torsemide	halothane Halotestin	lmuran lnderal
Gantanol Gantrisin	Healon Halcion	indapamide lopidine
		indapamide iodamide
		indapamide iopamidol

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Inderal Isordil	lactose lactulose	Lodine Iopidine
Inderal Adderall	lactulose lactose	Lomotil Lamictal
Inderal Imuran	Lamictal Lomotil	Loniten Lotensin
Inderal 40 mg Enduronyl Forte	Lamictal Lamisil	Lopurin Lopressor
Inderide Inderal	Lamisil Lamictal	Lopurin Lupron
interferon 2 interleukin 2	lamivudine lamotrigine	Lorabid Lortab
interferon alfa 2a interferon alfa 2b	lamotrigine lamivudine	lorazepam alprazolam
interferon alfa 2b interferon alfa 2a	Lanoxin Levsinex	Lortab Lorabid
interleukin 2 interferon 2	Lasix Lidex	Lotensin Loniten
Intropin Isoptin	Lasix Luvox	Lotensin lovastatin
iodamide indapamide	Lente Iletin	lovastatin Lotensin
iodine Iopidine	Leukeran Leukine	lovastatin Leustatin
iodine Lodine	Leukeran Alkeran	lovastatin Livostin
iodipamide Iopidine	Leukine Leukeran	Luminal Tuinal
Ionamin Imodium	Leustatin lovastatin	Lupron Nuprin
iopamidol indapamide	Levatol Lipitor	Lupron Lopurin
Iopidine Lodine	Levbid Lithobid	Luvox Lasix
Iopidine indapamide	levothyroxine liothyronine	Maalox Maolate
Iopidine iodine	Levsinex Lanoxin	Maalox Marax
Iopidine iodipamide	Librax Librium	magnesium sulfate
Ismelin Isuprel	Librium Librax manganese sulfate
Ismelin Esimil	Lidex Cidex	manganese sulfate
isoflurane enflurane	Lidex Lasix magnesium sulfate
Isoptin Intropin	Lioresal lisinopril	Maolate Maalox
Isopto Carbachol Isopto Carpine	liothyronine levothyroxine	Marax Atarax
Isopto Carpine Isopto Carbachol	Lipitor Levatol	Marax Maalox
Isordil Isuprel	lisinopril fosinopril	Maxidex Maxzide
Isordil Inderal	lisinopril Lioresal	Maxzide Maxidex
Isuprel Ismelin	Lithobid Lithostat	Mebaral Medrol
Isuprel Isordil	Lithobid Lithotabs	Mebaral Mellaril
Kaochlor K-Lor	Lithobid Levbid	mecamylamine mesalamine
kaolin Kaon	Lithonate Lithostat	Medrol Mebaral
Kaon kaolin	Lithostat Lithobid	medroxyprogesterone
K-Dur Cardura	Lithostat Lithonate methyltestosterone
Kefzol Cefzil	Lithostat Lithotabs	medroxyprogesterone
Kemadrin Coumadin	Lithotabs Lithostat hydroxyprogesterone
Klaron Klor-Con	Lithotabs Lithobid	medroxyprogesterone
K-Lor Kaochlor	Livostin lovastatin methylprednisolone
Klor-Con Klaron	Lodine codeine	Mellaril Moderil
K-Phos Neutral Neutra-Phos-K	Lodine iodine	Mellaril Elavil
		Mellaril Mebaral
		melphalan Mephyton

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Mephenytoin phenytoin	Milontin Mylanta	Neumega Neupogen
mephobarbital methocarbamol	Miltown Milontin	Neupogen Nutramigen
Mephyton melphalan	Minocin Mithracin	Neupogen Epogen
Mephyton Mephenytoin	Minocin niacin	Neutra-Phos-K. K-Phos Neutral
mepivacaine bupivacaine	Mithracin Minocin	niacin Minocin
Mesantoin Mestinson	mithramycin mitomycin	nicardipine nifedipine
Mestinson Mesantoin	mitomycin mithramycin	Nicobid Nitro-Bid
Mestinson Metatensin	Mivacron Mevacor	Nicoderm Nitro-Derm
metaproterenol metoprolol	Moban. Mobidin	Nicorette Nordette
metaproterenol metipranolol	Mobidin. Moban	nifedipine nimodipine
Metatensin Mestinson	Modane Mudrane	nifedipine nicardipine
methazolamide metolazone	Moderil Mellaril	Nilstat Nitrostat
methenamine methionine	Monopril Monurol	Nilstat Nystatin
methicillin mezlocillin	Monurol Monopril	nimodipine nifedipine
methionine methenamine	morphine. hydromorphone	Nitro-Bid Nicobid
methocarbamol mephobarbital	Mudrane Modane	Nitro-Derm Nicoderm
methsuximide ethosuximide	Myambutol Nambutal	nitroglycerin nitroprusside
methylprednisolone	Mycelex. Myoflex	nitroprusside nitroglycerin
. medroxyprogesterone	Myciguent Mycitracin	Nitrostat Nystatin
methyltestosterone	Mycitracin Myciguent	Nitrostat Hyperstat
. medroxyprogesterone	Mydfrin Midrin	Nitrostat Nilstat
metipranolol metaproterenol	Mylanta Mynatal	Nizoral Neoral
metolazone metoprolol	Mylanta Milontin	Norcuron Narcan
metolazone methazolamide	Myleran Mylicon	Nordette Nicorette
metoprolol metaproterenol	Mylicon Myleran	Norflex Noroxin
metoprolol metolazone	Mynatal Mylanta	Norgesic Forte Norgesic #40
metryrapone metyrosine	Myoflex. Mycelex	Norlutate Norlutin
metryrosine metyrapone	nafarelin Anafranil	Norlutin Norlutate
Mevacor Mivacron	Naldecon. Nalfon	Noroxin Norflex
mezlocillin methicillin	Nalfon. Naldecon	nortriptyline amitriptyline
miconazole Micronase	naloxone naltrexone	Norvasc. Navane
miconazole Micronor	naloxone naltrexone	Norvasc Vascor
Micro-K Micronase	naltrexone naloxone	Nubain Navane
Micronase Micronor	Narcan Norcuron	NuLyteLy GoLYTELY
Micronase Micro-K	Navane Nubain	Nuprin Lupron
Micronase miconazole	Navane. Norvasc	Nutramigen Neupogen
Micronor miconazole	Nambutal Myambutol	Nystatin Nilstat
Micronor Micronase	Neoral Nizoral	Nystatin Nitrostat
Midrin. Mydfrin	Nephro-Calci Nephrocaps	OctreoScan octreotide
Milontin Miltown	Nephrocaps Nephro-Calci	(continued)

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OctreoScan OncoScint	Pathilon Pathocil	pHisoHex Phos-Ex
octreotide OctreoScan	Pathocil Placidyl	PhosChol PhosLo
Ocufen Ocuflox	Pathocil Pathilon	PhosChol Phosphocol P32
Ocuflox Ocufen	Pavabid Pavatine	Phos-Ex pHisoHex
olanzapine olsalazine	Pavatine Pavabid	Phos-Flur PhosLo
olsalazine olanzapine	Pavulon Peptavlon	PhosLo Phos-Flur
Omnipaque Amipaque	Paxil Doxil	PhosLo PhosChol
Omnipen Unipen	Paxil paclitaxel	Phosphocol P32 PhosChol
Omnipen Imipenem	Paxil Taxol	Phrenilin Trinalin
OncoScint OctreoScan	Pediapred Pediazole	physostigmine Prostigmin
Oncovin Ancobon	Pediazole Pediapred	physostigmine pyridostigmine
Ophthaine Ophthetic	Penetrex Pentrax	pindolol Parlodel
Ophthetic Ophthaine	penicillamine penicillin	pindolol Panadol
Optimine Optimyd	penicillin penicillamine	pindolol Plendil
Optimyd Optimine	pentobarbital phenobarbital	pipecuronium pancuronium
Oretic Oreton	pentosan pentostatin	Pitocin Pitressin
Oreton Oretic	pentostatin pentosan	Pitressin Pitocin
Orex Urex	Pentrax Permax	Placidyl Pathocil
Orexin Ornex	Pentrax Penetrex	Platinol Paraplatin
Orinase Ornade	Peptavlon Pavulon	Platinol Patanol
Orinase Ornex	Perative Periactin	Plendil pindolol
Ornade Orinase	Percocet Percodan	Plendil Pletal
Ornex Orexin	Percodan Percogesic	Pletal Plendil
Ornex Orinase	Percodan Periactin	Polocaine prilocaine
Os-Cal Asacol	Percodan Percocet	Ponstel Pronestyl
Otobiotic Urobiotic	Percogesic paregoric	Posicor Proscar
oxaprozin oxazepam	Percogesic Percodan	Posicor Psorcon
oxazepam oxaprozin	Periactin Persantine	pralidoxime Pramoxine
oxymetazoline oxymetholone	Periactin Perative	pralidoxime pyridoxine
oxymetholone oxymetazoline	Periactin Percodan	Pramoxine pralidoxime
oxymetholone oxymorphone	Permax Pentrax	Pravachol Prevacid
oxymorphone oxymetholone	Permax Pernox	Pravachol propranolol
paclitaxel paroxetine	Pernox Permax	prazepam prazosin
paclitaxel Paxil	PerOxyl Benoxyl	prazosin prazepam
Panadol pindolol	Persantine Periactin	prednisolone prednisone
pancuronium pipecuronium	phenobarbital pentobarbital	prednisone primidone
Paraplatin Platinol	phentermine phentolamine	prednisone prednisolone
paregoric Percogesic	phentolamine phentermine	Premarin Primaxin
Parlodel pindolol	phenytoin Mephenytoin	Prepidil Bepridil
paroxetine paclitaxel	pHisoDerm pHisoHex	Prevacid Pravachol
Patanol Platinol	pHisoHex pHisoDerm	

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Prevacid Prevpac	Prozac ProSom	rifampin rifapentine
Prevpac Prevacid	Psorcon Proscar	rimantadine ranitidine
Prilocaine Prilosec	Psorcon ProSom	Risperidone reserpine
prilocaine Polocaine	Psorcon Posicor	Ritalin Rifadin
Prilosec Prozac	Pyridium pyridoxine	ritodrine ranitidine
Prilosec Prilocaine	pyridostigmine physostigmine	ritonavir Retrovir
Prilosec Prinivil	pyridoxine pralidoxime	Roxanol Roxicet
Primaxin Premarin	pyridoxine Pyridium	Roxicet Roxanol
primidone prednisone	Quarzan quazepam	salsalate sucralfate
Prinivil Proventil	Quarzan Questran	salsalate sulfasalazine
Prinivil Prilosec	quazepam Quarzan	Sandimmune Sandoglobulin
ProAmatine protamine	Questran Quarzan	Sandimmune Sandostatin
Probenecid Procanbid	Quinamm quinidine	Sandoglobulin Sandostatin
procaine Prokine	quinidine Quinamm	Sandoglobulin Sandimmune
Procanbid Probenecid	quinidine quinine	Sandostatin Sandimmune
procarbazine dacarbazine	quinidine Quinora	Sandostatin Sandoglobulin
Prokine procaine	quinidine clonidine	saquinavir Sinequan
Proloprim Protropin	quinine quinidine	Sectral Factrel
promazine promethazine	Quinora quinidine	Sectral Septra
promethazine promazine	ranitidine ritodrine	selegiline Stelazine
Pronestyl Ponstel	ranitidine rimantadine	Septa Septra
propranolol Pravachol	Recombivax Comvax	Septa Sectral
Proscar Posicor	Reglan Regonol	Septa Septa
Proscar Psorcon	Regonol Reglan	Serax Xerac
Proscar ProSom	Regonol Regroton	Serax Eurax
Proscar Prozac	Regroton Regonol	Serentil Serevent
ProSom Proscar	Regroton Hygroton	Serentil Serentil
ProSom Prozac	Renacidin Remicade	simethicone cimetidine
ProSom Psorcon	reserpine Risperidone	Sinequan saquinavir
Prostigmin physostigmine	Restoril Vistaril	Slo-bid Dolobid
protamine Protopam	Restoril Zestril	Slow FE Slow-K
protamine Protropin	Retrovir ritonavir	Slow-K Slow FE
protamine ProAmatine	Revex ReVia	Solu-Medrol Depo-Medrol
Protopam protamine	ReVia Revex	somatrem somatropin
Protopam Protropin	Ribavirin riboflavin	somatropin sumatriptan
Protropin Protopam	riboflavin Ribavirin	somatropin somatrem
Protropin Proloprim	rifabutin rifampin	sotalol Statrol
Protropin protamine	Rifadin Ritalin	sotalol Stadol
Proventil Prinivil	Rifamate rifampin	Stadol sotalol
Prozac Proscar	rifampin rifabutin	
Prozac Prilosec	rifampin Rifamate	(continued)

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Statrol sotalol	Thyral Thyrolar	Tridrate Trandate
Stelazine selegiline	Thyrolar Theolair	trientine tretinoin
sucralfate salsalate	Thyrolar Thyral	trifluoperazine triflupromazine
Sufenta Alfenta	tiagabine tizanidine	triflupromazine trifluoperazine
Sufenta Survanta	Ticar Tigan	TriHemic Triaminic
sufentanil alfentanil	Tigan Ticar	trimeprazine trimipramine
sulfadiazine sulfasalazine	timolol atenolol	trimipramine triamterene
sulfamethizole sulfamethoxazole	Timoptic Viroptic	trimipramine trimeprazine
sulfamethoxazole sulfamethizole	tioconazole terconazole	Trimox Tylox
sulfasalazine sulfisoxazole	TobraDex Tobrex	Trimox Diamox
sulfasalazine salsalate	tobramycin Tobacin	Trinalin Phrenilin
sulfasalazine sulfadiazine	Tobrex TobraDex	Trobicin tobramycin
sulfisoxazole sulfasalazine	tolazamide tolbutamide	Tronolane Tronothane
sumatriptan somatropin	tolbutamide terbutaline	Tronothane Tronolane
Surbex Surfak	tolbutamide tolazamide	Tuinal Tylenol
Surbex Carbex	tolnaftate Tonalate	Tuinal Luminal
Surfak Surbex	Topic Topicort	Tylenol Tylox
Survanta Sufenta	Topicort Topic	Tylenol Tuinal
Taxol Paxil	Toradol Tegretol	Tylox Trimox
Tazicef Tazidime	Toradol tramadol	Tylox Tylenol
Tazidime Tazicef	Tornalate tolnaftate	Ultane Ultram
Tegretol Toradol	torsemide furosemide	Ultram Ultane
Temaril Demerol	tramadol Toradol	Unicap Unipen
Tenex Xanax	tramadol Trandate	Unipen Urispas
Tenex Entex	Trandate tramadol	Unipen Omnipen
Tenex Ten-K	Trandate Trental	Unipen Unicap
Ten-K Tenex	Trandate Tridrate	Urex Erex
terbinafine terbutaline	Trendar Trental	Urex Eurax
terbutaline tolbutamide	Trental Trendar	Urex Orex
terbutaline terbinafine	Trental Trandate	Urised Urispas
terconazole tioconazole	tretinoin trientine	Urispas Urised
Testoderm Estraderm	triamcinolone Triaminic	Urispas Unipen
testolactone testosterone	triamcinolone Triaminicol	Urobiotic Otobiotic
testosterone testolactone	Triaminic TriHemic	Vancenase Vanceril
Theolair Thyrolar	Triaminic Triaminic	Vanceril Vansil
TheraFlu Thera-Flur	Triaminicin Triaminic	Vanceril Vancenase
Thera-Flur TheraFlu	Triaminicin triamcinolone	Vansil Vanceril
thiamine Thorazine	Triaminicol triamcinolone	Vantin Ventolin
thioridazine Thorazine	triamterene trimipramine	Vascor Norvasc
Thorazine thiamine	trichloroacetic acid	Vasocidin Vasodilan
Thorazine thioridazine dichloroacetic acid	(continued)

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Vasodilan Vasocidin	Visine Visken	Xopenex Xanax
Vasosulf Velosef	Visken Visine	zaleplon zolpidem
V-Cillin Bicillin	Vistaril Restoril	Zantac Zofran
Velosef Vasosulf	Vivarin Verelan	Zantac Xanax
Ventolin Benylin	Volmax Flomax	Zarontin Zaroxolyn
Ventolin Vantin	Voltaren Verelan	Zaroxolyn Zarontin
VePesid Versed	VoSol Vexol	Zebeta DiaBeta
Verelan Vivarin	Vytone Hytone	Zestril Zostrix
Verelan Voltaren	Wellbutrin Wellcoverin	Zestril Desyrel
Verelan Ferralyn	Wellbutrin Wellferon	Zestril Restoril
Verelan Virilon	Wellcoverin Wellferon	Zocor Cozaar
Versed VePesid	Wellcoverin Wellbutrin	Zofran Zantac
Vexol VoSol	Wellferon Wellbutrin	Zofran Zosyn
Vicodin Hycodan	Wellferon Wellcoverin	ZORprin Zylprim
vidarabine cytarabine	Wyamine Wydase	Zostrix Zovirax
vinblastine vincristine	Wycillin Bicillin	Zostrix Zestril
vinblastine vinorelbine	Wydase Wyamine	Zosyn Zofran
vincristine vinblastine	Xanax Zantac	Zovirax Zostrix
vinorelbine vinblastine	Xanax Tenex	Zylprim ZORprin
Virilon Verelan	Xanax Xopenex	Zyprexa Zyrtec
Viroptic Timoptic	Xerac Serax	Zyrtec Zyprexa

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