

Drug mix-up due to similar product name

Of the reported pharmaceutical near-miss events occurred at pharmacies, 181 near-miss events involved "drug mix-up." (Data collected from April 1 to December 31, 2009)

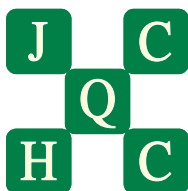
Of 171 incidents analyzed, 41 near-miss events involved drugs with at least the first two letters of the names were identical.

The drugs reported in the near-miss events involving similar drug names and their efficacies are presented in the following table.

(Drug names)

Prescribed drug	Major efficacy	Mixed-up drug	Major efficacy
Asverin Tablets 20	Anti-tussive/ expectorant	Astomin Tablets 10 mg	Anti-tussive
Cravit Tablets	Synthetic antibacterial	Klaricid Tablets 200 mg	Having a primary action against gram- positive bacteria and mycoplasma
Primobolan Tablets 5 mg	Anabolic steroid	Primperan Tablets 5	Other agent for digestive organs
Preran Tablets 1 mg	Hypotensive	Prelon Tablets 1 mg	Adrenal hormone
Mucodyne Tablets 500 mg	Expectorant	Mucosta Tablets 100 mg	Peptic ulcer treatment
Urinorm Tablets 25 mg	Gout treatment	Urief Tablets 4 mg	Other agent for urogenital and anal organs
Slow-K Tablets 600 mg	Mineral preparation (other mineral preparation)	Slow-Fe Tablets 50 mg	Mineral preparation (iron compound including organic iron oxide)
Tarivid Ophthalmic Ointment 0.3%	Agent for ophthalmic use	Tarivid Otic Solution 0.3%	Agent for otic and nasal use
Neurotropin Tablets 4 Units	Antipyretic/ analgesic/ antiphlogistic	Neuropitan Tablets	Multiple vitamins (not including vitamin A/D combination)

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