

## HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

<b>SUBJECT:</b> XI-123 SOUND ALIKE/LOOK ALIKE DRUGS	<b>POLICY #:</b> 1078
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**PURPOSE:** To ensure that common and/or critical Sound-Alike, Look-Alike Drugs, used at the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC), are identified and to set general guidelines for handling such drugs.

**POLICY:** The ASC Medical Advisory Committee identifies and selects Sound-Alike, Look-Alike drugs, based on recommendations from The Joint Commission, the Institute for Safe Medications Practices (ISMP), and the DHS Patient Safety Committee Consensus report, at least annually and ensures that ASC personnel are made aware of the list kept updated.

### PROCEDURE:

1. ASC Medical Director and Nursing Director and HDHS Pharmacy Director maintain awareness of Sound-Alike, Look-Alike drug names as published by various safety agencies.
2. The ASC Medical Advisory Committee reviews its list of Sound-Alike/Look-Alike medication on an annual basis. Decisions are made regarding additions, deletions or no changes to the list.
3. When a medication gets added to the Sound-Alike, Look-Alike list, a Nursing or Anesthesia staff will affix "name alert" stickers to areas where Sound Alike, Look-Alike products are stored.
4. Nursing or Anesthesia staff will ensure that products with Sound- Alike, Look – Alike names in the ASC are segregated.

### ATTACHMENT:

ASC Sound Alike/Look Alike Medications March 2017

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