

Preventing high-alert medication errors in hospital patients.

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[High-alert medications](#) have the potential to cause serious patient harm. This article focuses on four primary types of high-alert medications—anticoagulants, sedatives, insulins, and [opioids](#)—that can have serious adverse effects and recommends strategies to reduce risks, including conducting [independent double-checks](#) and [decreasing interruptions](#).