

## **Detection of potential look-alike/sound-alike medication errors using Veterans Affairs administrative databases.**

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[Look-alike and sound-alike medications](#) are known to increase the risk of [adverse drug events](#). Using Veterans Affairs administrative data on prescriptions filled for look-alike and sound-alike medications, researchers found that the potential for medication errors was high, but the actual error rate based on chart review was low.