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**ISMP Seeks Comment on Draft Guidelines for Safe
Electronic Communication of Medication Information**

Horsham, Pa—Health information technology vendors and users currently do not have a set of accepted standards related to the safe presentation of electronic data associated with medication information. To meet this need, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) has compiled a draft set of guidelines and is seeking comment from healthcare practitioners **before October 16, 2015**.

ISMP's Draft Guidelines for the Safe Electronic Communication of Medication Information are narrow in focus, only covering issues that deal with how medication information is communicated in EHRs, CPOE systems, eMARS, pharmacy computer systems, e-prescribing systems, and electronic displays that appear when using barcode scanning systems, smart infusion pumps, and automated dispensing cabinets.

To view and comment on the draft guidelines, go to: www.ismp.org/tools/guidelines/SCEMI.

Suggestions also can be submitted via email to ismpinfo@ismp.org.

After the guidelines are finalized, ISMP plans to submit them to the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, which is responsible for the harmonization of standards. The guidelines also will be shared with technology vendors, standard setting organizations, professional organizations, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

About ISMP: The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents more than 40 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. For more information on ISMP, or its medication safety alert newsletters and other tools for healthcare professionals and consumers, visit www.ismp.org.

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