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**ISMP Moves to Newsletter
Special Editions on COVID-19 Safety Issues**

Horsham, Pa. —During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is moving to a **special editions of the *ISMP Medication Safety Alert! acute care newsletter*** that will focus only on information healthcare practitioners may find useful in their response efforts.

As the world grapples with this unprecedented public health crisis, ISMP's number one priority remains helping practitioners safely care for their patients and themselves. Starting with the March 26, 2020 issue, the newsletter will move to providing insights on emerging medication safety issues, challenges and mitigation strategies communicated by readers, and links to credible sources for additional information.

The first issue includes insight on:

- Revisiting the need for MDI common canister protocols to cope with shortages
- Limiting use and protecting supplies of an unproven but widely prescribed COVID-19 treatment
- Ways to cope with possible behavioral drift due to physical and psychological fatigue
- Evaluating requirements for independent doublechecks

The length and frequency of the special edition newsletters may vary, depending on the flow of information. However, at a minimum, a Special Edition *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!* newsletter will be published every other week on the same previous schedule.

The first special edition newsletter is being made available for free to the general public as well as subscribers. To access a copy, visit: <https://ismp.org/acute-care/medication-safety-alert-march-26-2020>.

Please note that access may require free registration.

About the Institute for Safe Medication Practices

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is the only 501c (3) nonprofit organization devoted entirely to preventing medication errors. ISMP is known and respected as the gold standard for medication safety information. For more than 25 years, it also has served as a vital force for progress. ISMP's advocacy work alone has resulted in numerous necessary changes in clinical practice, public policy, and drug labeling and packaging. Among its many initiatives, ISMP runs the only national voluntary practitioner medication error reporting program, publishes newsletters with real-time error information read and trusted throughout the global healthcare community, and offers a wide range of unique educational programs, tools, and guidelines. In 2020, ISMP formally affiliated with ECRI to create one of the largest healthcare quality and safety entities in the world. As an independent watchdog organization, ISMP receives no advertising revenue and depends entirely on charitable donations, educational grants, newsletter subscriptions, and volunteer efforts to pursue its life-saving work. Learn more at www.ismp.org.

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