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ISMP Posts COVID-19 Medication Safety Resource Page

Horsham, Pa. — As the Coronavirus pandemic takes us into uncharted and difficult territory, the first priority of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is to help frontline healthcare practitioners keep themselves and their patients safe. To that end, ISMP has developed an online resource page (https://ismp.org/covid-19-resources) with links to vital COVID-19 safety-related information and tools.

The frequently-updated COVID-19 resource page contains articles, webinars, and emerging news from ISMP, ECRI, and other respected organizations that can assist practitioners responding to the rapidly evolving nature of the pandemic. Recent additions include articles on positioning infusion pumps outside COVID-19 patients' rooms and comments on current challenges from a question and answer session with medication safety officers.

ISMP will continue to provide valuable resources and services with real-time information and input from clinical settings, including more frequent special editions of the ISMP Medication *Safety Alert*[®] Acute Care newsletter that are available for free to the general public at: <u>https://ismp.org/newsletters/acute-care</u>

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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