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Healthcare Workers Need Support from Leaders During Emotional Turmoil of Pandemic

Horsham, Pa. —The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) special edition of the *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!*[®] acute care newsletter this week highlights the need to address the stress, anxiety, exhaustion, and depression healthcare workers are facing due to taxing workloads and the constant vigilance required to care for COVID-19 patients during this public health crisis. Recommendations on how healthcare leaders can help better support them are provided, including tips on creating “safe havens,” communicating transparently, and encouraging self-care.

In addition, this special edition includes insight and tips on:

- High dose IV ascorbic acid interference with glucometer results
- Trends with medication errors related to COVID-19
- Value of rapidly deploying P&T subcommittees
- MRI-safe pump for COVID-19 patients in ICU
- Need to use electronic vs. paper versions of guidelines

The special edition newsletters are being made available for free to the general public as well as subscribers. To access a copy, visit: <https://www.ismp.org/acute-care/special-edition-medication-safety-alert-may-1-2020>. 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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