



# PHARMACY SERVICES

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### A Message from Pharmacy Services

Happy New Year from Pharmacy Services!



#### Urine Test Kits

We now have new urine test kits available to be ordered from Pharmacy Services. The following can be ordered:

##### 12-in-1 Test Cup

- Amphetamines
- Barbituates
- Buprenorphines
- Benzodiazepines
- Cocaine
- Fentanyl
- Methadone
- Ecstasy
- Morphine derivatives
- Methadone
- Oxycodone

##### Single Test strips (limit 5 per order)

- Phencyclidine (PCP)
- K2 (Spice)
- Bath salts
- Pregnancy

Please follow standard ordering and pick-up of pharmaceuticals procedures. Instructions can be found on the DMH Pharmacy website.

#### TALL Man Lettering

TALL man lettering is the practice of writing part of a drug's name in upper case letters to help distinguish sound-alike, look-alike drugs from one another in order to avoid medication errors. The chart below contains confused generic drug name pairs or generic-brand name pairs that were reported to the Institute of Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Medication Errors Reporting Program (MERP) from the community setting from May through October 2017. Many of these pairs have been reported previously, but these continue to be reported of their involvement in errors. For a more complete list, please see the link below.

<https://www.ismp.org/tools/tallmanletters.pdf>

bu <b>PROP</b> ion	bus <b>PIR</b> one
cefuroxime	sulfa <b>SAL</b> Azine
dexamethylphenidate hydrochloride extended release	Dextroamphetamine mixed salts extended release
<b>DU</b> Loxetine	<b>FLU</b> oxetine
<b>DU</b> Loxetine	Dexilant (Dexlansoprazole)
escitalopram	citalopram
hydr <b>OXY</b> zine	hydr <b>ALAZINE</b>
labetalol	lamo <b>TRI</b> gine

methadone	memantine	
metoprolol tartrate	metoprolol succinate	
metro <b>NIDAZOLE</b>	met <b>FORMIN</b>	
neratinib	niraparib	nilotinib
oxy <b>CONTIN</b> (oxy <b>CODONE</b> extended release)	oxy <b>CODONE</b>	
rifapentine	rifabutin	
risperi <b>DONE</b>	r <b>OPINIR</b> ole	
tra <b>ZOD</b> one	tra <b>MAD</b> ol	

To access previous bulletins, go to the DMH Pharmacy webpage: [http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/clinical\\_tools/](http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/clinical_tools/)

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#### Articles

8,000 Doses Of A Frequently Abused Pain Drug Are Missing From An Indiana Prison

<https://amp-indystar-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/amp.indystar.com/amp/1028314001>

Antibiotics, Antidepressants Dominate New FDA Watch List

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/891540?](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/891540?nliid=120168_745&src=WNL_mdplsfeat_180123_mscpedit_phar&uac=234724PY&spon=30&impID=1540890&faf=1)

[nliid=120168\\_745&src=WNL\\_mdplsfeat\\_180123\\_mscpedit\\_phar&uac=234724PY&spon=30&impID=1540890&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/891540?nliid=120168_745&src=WNL_mdplsfeat_180123_mscpedit_phar&uac=234724PY&spon=30&impID=1540890&faf=1)

Aripiprazole Has More Benefits Than Risks During Pregnancy Lactation

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/891268?](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/891268?nliid=120168_745&src=WNL_mdplsfeat_180123_mscpedit_phar&uac=234724PY&spon=30&impID=1540890&faf=1)

[nliid=120168\\_745&src=WNL\\_mdplsfeat\\_180123\\_mscpedit\\_phar&uac=234724PY&spon=30&impID=1540890&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/891268?nliid=120168_745&src=WNL_mdplsfeat_180123_mscpedit_phar&uac=234724PY&spon=30&impID=1540890&faf=1)

As always, should you encounter any issues with OrderConnect do not hesitate to contact the OrderConnect team at [Helpdesk@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:Helpdesk@dmh.lacounty.gov). Once again, Happy New Year to all!



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