

Appendix D

National list of drug names with Tall Man applied

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care endorses the use of Tall Man lettering to reduce the risks associated with look-alike, sound-alike medicines names. The following is a list of endorsed Tall Man names relevant to the Australian health care setting.

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actoNEL	actoS
aKAMin	aCLin
alDOMET	alDACTONE
	alODORM
alphaprESS	alphaprIL
amARYI	amOXII
amIODAROne	amLODIPIne
amLODIPIne	amITRIPTYLIne
amITRIPTYLIne	amINOPHYLLIne
aPomine	aVomine
arATAC	arOPAX
	arABLOC
aTRopt	aZopt
azATHIOPRINE	azITHROMYCIN
ERYthromycin	
bisOPROLOI	bisACODYI
buMETANide	buDESONide
caRAFate	caLTRate
CARBAMazepine	OXCARBazepine
	carbIMAZOLe*
caRVEDILOI	caPTOPRII
celAPRAM	celeBREX
ciprAMIL	ciprOXIN
cLARITHROMYcin	cIPROFLOXAcin
cLOMIPRAMIne	cLOMIPHEne
	cHLORPROMAZIne
coUMADIN	coVERSYL
cycloSPORIN	cycloSERINE
DEPO-medrol	SOLU-medrol
DEPO-medrol	depo-PROVERA*
solu-CORTEF*	SOLU-medrol

dePTRAn	deRALIn
dilaUDID	dilaNTIN
diPRIVan	diTROPan
diPYRIDAMOLe	diSOPYRAMIDe
doTHIEpin	doXEpin
humALOG	humULIN
hydreA	hydreNE
hydrALAZINE	hydrOCHLOROTHIAZIDe
isopto HOMATROpine	isopto CARpine
ISOtretinoin	tretinoin
januMET	januVIA
ketALAR	ketOROLAC
laMICTAl	laRGACTII
	laMISII
lamIVUDine	lamOTRIGine
lanTUss	lanVIs
lipIDil	lipAZil
loSEC	loVAN
methADONe	methYLPHENIDATe
merUVAx	merIEUx
meTOhexal	meLLIhexal
MOXIfloxacIn	NORfloxacIn
moBILis	moVALis
morphine*	HYDROmorphine*
NEOral	INDEral
nEURONTIn	nOROXIn
nexAVAR	nexIUM
niMODIPine	niFEDIPine
	niZATIDine
norVASC	norMISON
novoMIX	novoRAPID

oxyCONTIN	MS Contin*
	oxyNORM
paXTINE	paRIET
pEXSIG	pRISTIQ
primaXIN	primaCOR
	primaCIN*
proGRAF	proZAC
proMETHazine	proCHLORPERazine
propRANOLol	propOFol
QUETIAPine	SERTRALine
rISPERIDONE	rOPINIROLe
sITAGLIPTIn	sUMATRIPTAn
SIrolimus	TACrolimus
sulfaSALazine	sulfaDIazine
toPAMAX	toFRANIL
tEGRETOI	tRENTAI
tRAMadol	tEMOdal*
	tORadol
trimEPRAZINE	trimETHOPRIM
	trimIPRAMINE
imipramine*	trimIPRAMINE
valAciclovir	valGANciclovir
xalaTAN	xalaCOM
zinVIIt	zinNAt
zoCOR	zoTON
zoLOFT	zoCOR

Agents used predominantly in cancer therapy	
cISplatin	cARBOplatin
cyclIZINE	cyclOBLASTIN
daCTINomycin	daPTomycin
DAUNOrubicin	DOXOrubicin
	IDArubicin
DOCEtaxel	PACLItaxel
IFOSFamide	CYCLOPHOSPHamide
INFLIximab	RITUximab
taxoL	taxoTERE
vinBLASTine	vinCRISTine
	vinORELBine
avaSTIN	avaXIM
ALKeran	LEUKeran
	MYLeran

Larger groups of agents

Cephalosporins
cefEPIME
cefOTAXIME
cefOXITIN
cefTAZIDIME
cefTRIAZONE
cefALOTIN
cephaLEXin
cephaZOLin
Benzodiazepines
CLONazepam
DIazepam
OXazepam
LORazepam
SSRI / SNRI
fluoxetine
DULOxetine
PARoxetine
fluVOXAMine
Sulphonylurea Agents
gliBENCLAMide
gliCLAZide
gliMEPIRide
gliPIZide

This list has been compiled to include look-alike, sound-alike names that have been predicted to pose the greatest risks to patient safety. The overall risk rating is a combination of measures that estimate the likelihood that the medicines names and associated products will be confused and the overall patient harm that may occur if this confusion occurred.

If any clinician or member of the public feels that other look-alike, sound-alike medicines names should be included in this standard, you are welcome to notify the Commission by emailing mail@safetyandquality.gov.au