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RELABELING OF DRUGS TO ENHANCE SAFE USE OF MEDICATION

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INTRODUCTION

Our objective is to prevent medication errors and promote optimal healthcare outcomes by relabeling medications on top of their original packaging provided by manufacturer. We hope that by emphasizing critical information such as drug strength, composition, total volume and more, patients will be able to receive their medications safely and effectively.

METHODOLOGY

- 1. Assess both internal and external packaging of medications. Once potential medication risk is identified, discuss with end users eg pharmacists, nurses, doctors on what can be done to mitigate the risk.
- 2. Relabeling of medications will be carried out by ALPS team members following clear labeling instructions. Quality control checks will also be performed post labeling.
- 3. Alternatively, relabeling tasks may be outsourced to our 3PL vendors who will follow our relabeling requirements.
- 4. After implementation, a review will be conducted within one month to assess effectiveness and make any necessary amendments to the relabeling process.

RESULTS

We will be sharing two scenarios:

- Gentamicin Preservative-Free (PF) Injection (Figure 1)
 - With 2 gentamicin preparations available in the formulary (Preservative & Preservative-Free), there is a high risk of administering the wrong preparation. We have relabeled the Preservative-Free (PF) version with a bright yellow tailed label to differentiate between the two preparations.
- Rocuronium & Suxamethonium Injection (Figure 2 and 3) • These are High Alert Medication (HAM) + Paralysing Agent supplied to designated sections such as Major Operating Theatre and certain clinics. We have relabeled them with orange and red stickers to highlight their nature.

VISUALS AREA

Figure 1

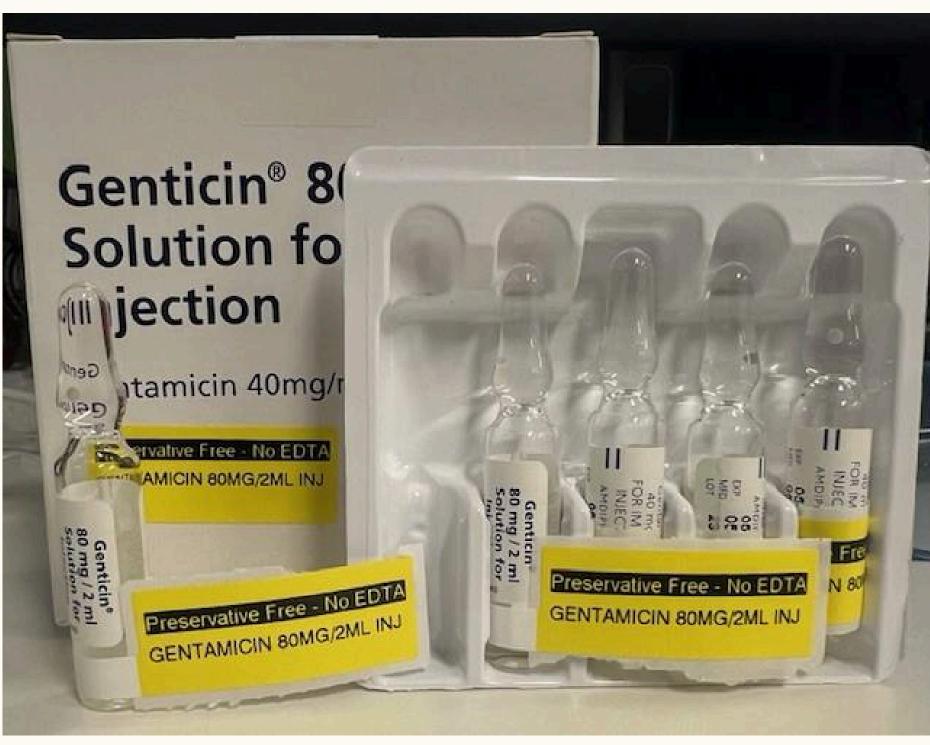


Figure 2



Figure 3



Rocuonium & Suxamethonium Injection - Labeling by ALPS Team Red and Orange sticker for HAM + Paralyzing agent

<u>Gentamicin PF Injection - Outsourced to 3PL vendors to relabel</u> Relabeled with yellow label



Drugs procured for hospital use often adhere to the labeling criteria stated in ALPS procurement policy. In the situation of supply chain disruptions, alternative brands brought in to bridge the gaps may not comply to the labeling guidelines but still must be brought in to meet urgent needs. ALPS remains committed in providing relabeling services to mitigate the risk of medication errors and ensure patient safety.