

TITLE: Medication Safety for High-Alert Medications

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WHEREAS, the purpose of pharmacy practice is to ensure safe and effective medication outcomes from potentially high-alert medications through effective drug utilization review, and

WHEREAS, patients continue to experience increased morbidity and mortality outcomes with the use of certain high-alert medications (i.e., methotrexate and others), and,

WHEREAS, state boards of pharmacy regulate the practice of pharmacy and the performance of drug utilization review in the dispensing of medications to ensure safe and effective patient outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP convene a comprehensive group of industry stakeholders (i.e. pharmacy electronic data processing system vendors, pharmacy benefit managers, commercial insurance and government payors for healthcare coverage, medication safety organizations, data standards organizations, and providers of clinical and descriptive drug knowledge that is integrated into healthcare systems) to create and standardize actionable clinical drug alerts to be implemented in pharmacy electronic data processing systems to eliminate unintended medication events experienced by patients in the dispensing of high-alert medications.