

Patient Safety Advisory

Veterans Health Administration Warning System
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- Item:** Drug File view from CPRS
- Specific Incident:** A provider misunderstood an order, and selected a “pharmacy use only” product on the CPRS menu that reached a patient resulting in significant patient harm.
- General Information:** Facility drug files may contain entries that are for pharmacy use only. Some of these entries may be inappropriate or harmful for patient administration. In addition, some items are in the drug file for inventory management purposes only.
- Some examples include:
- Pharmacy bulk packages (antibiotics, electrolytes, etc.)
 - Sterile water for injection.
 - Chemicals (hydrochloric acids, trichloroacetic acid, sulfur, etc.)
 - Solvents and preservatives
 - Pharmacy related supplies not used/sent to patients.
- Recommendations:**
1. Facility pharmacy staff should review the CPRS drug file listings to identify products that are inappropriate for clinical use, and then work with IRM to RESTRICT these products on a case by case basis, from view of the providers. Restricting the products in CPRS file 101.43 prevents providers from seeing them but will permit pharmacy staff access to them through the back door CHUI interface.
 2. If a restricted product is needed for clinical patient use, incorporate the item in a quick order instead, thus removing the potential of mis-prescribing.
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