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ALERT:
OMACOR® (omega-3-acid ethyl esters) Capsules and AMICAR® (aminocaproic acid) Tablets
DISPENSING ERROR

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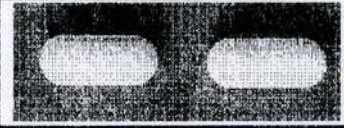
Dear Pharmacist:

We are writing this letter to increase your awareness about a potential issue that may occur in the prescribing and/or dispensing of Omacor® (omega-3-acid ethyl esters) Capsules. Reliant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. has become aware of one reported drug dispensing error involving Omacor® Capsules and Amicar® (aminocaproic acid) Tablets, a product of Xanodyne Pharmaceuticals, Inc. It is our understanding that the patient realized the dispensing error and did not ingest any of the Amicar® Tablets. Reliant Pharmaceuticals has also received several contacts from physicians or pharmacists regarding the potential for such prescribing and/or dispensing errors with Omacor® and Amicar®.

Omacor® Capsules are available as printed soft-gelatin capsules with the following characteristics:

Capsule	Color	Printing	Sample
1 g	Transparent soft-gelatin capsule filled with light-yellow oil	"OMACOR" on one side	

Amicar® Tablets are available as white, scored tablets with the following characteristics:

Tablet	Shape	Engraving	Sample
500 mg	Round	"A" to the left of the score and "10" on the right of the score on one side, "XP" on the other side	
1000 mg	Oblong	"A" to the left of the score and "20" on the right of the score on one side, "XP" on the other side	

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Omacor[®] was recently introduced into the market after its approval by the FDA as an adjunct to diet for the reduction of very high triglyceride levels¹. Omacor[®] comes as a 1 g, transparent, gold gelatin capsule for oral administration, and it is usually prescribed for chronic therapy at the dose of 4 capsules (4 g) per day. In contrast, Amicar[®] is approved for enhancing hemostasis when fibrinolysis contributes to bleeding². In certain individuals, Amicar[®] is prescribed for oral use to control acute or chronic bleeding syndromes. Amicar[®] comes as a 500 mg or 1000 mg (1 g) white tablet, or as a 250 mg/5 mL oral solution. The dosage of Amicar[®] can be highly variable, since it should be titrated to the lowest effective dose for bleeding control.

Reliant believes that the most effective way to insure that there is no confusion between Omacor[®] and Amicar[®] is for the pharmacist to verify the generic name, along with the trade name, with the prescribing physician. We also recommend verifying verbal prescription orders for Omacor[®] and Amicar[®] by asking the prescriber to spell the drug name and/or to state the medication's indication. You may also wish to verify the purpose of the drug with the physician and the patient. In particular, patients with bleeding disorders are usually very aware of the purpose of Amicar[®].

At Reliant Pharmaceuticals, we are committed to patient safety. We wish to maximize that safety by minimizing the potential for prescribing and/or dispensing errors. Please share the enclosed information with co-workers and staff. Further, we will be working with all of our sales associates to heighten the awareness of potential prescribing and/or dispensing errors amongst physicians, pharmacists, and their staffs. In addition, we will add this information to our web site (www.omaconrx.com) so that it is readily available.

If you become aware of any medication errors involving Omacor[®] Capsules, report them immediately to Reliant Pharmaceuticals at 1-877-311-7515, and if Amicar[®] Tablets are involved, also report the error to Xanodyne Pharmaceuticals at 1-513-636-5145. Medication errors should also be reported to the USP Medication Error Reporting Program in cooperation with the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (1-800-23ERROR; or 1-800-FAIL-SAF) or FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Program (1-800-FDA-1088).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. For additional medical information about Omacor[®] Capsules, please call 1-877-311-7515 from 9AM to 5PM EST, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert Shalwitz, MD.

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PLEASE CONSULT ENCLOSED COMPLETE PRESCRIBING INFORMATION FOR OMACOR[®].

1. Package Insert – Omacor[®] (omega-3-acid ethyl esters) Capsules.
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2. Package Insert – Amicar[®] (aminocaproic acid) Tablets. Physicians' Desk Reference 2005.