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Deadline Extended for ISMP Antithrombotic Self Assessment Survey

Huntingdon Valley, Pa.—To capture the most complete data set possible, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is giving hospitals more time to participate in its new self assessment of antithrombotic therapy. Those hospitals that have not been able to complete the assessment should be aware that ISMP has *extended the data submission deadline to March 1, 2006*.

The self assessment is designed to help healthcare organizations examine medication safety practices associated with the prescribing, dispensing, administration, and monitoring of antithrombotic drugs in their facilities. Participants gain the unique opportunity to compare their data with aggregate data from other demographically similar hospitals and identify potential areas of improvement in the use of these high alert drugs.

All hospital pharmacy directors in the U.S. have been mailed a self assessment workbook and instructions; results can be submitted online. For more information or questions about the self assessment, contact ISMP at selfassess@ismp.org.

About ISMP: The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents nearly 30 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. In 2004, the Institute is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its official incorporation as a nonprofit organization. For more information on ISMP, or its medication safety alert newsletters for healthcare professionals and consumers, visit www.ismp.org

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