

## Institute for Safe Medication Practices

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### Enter ISMP Medication Safety Contest

**Huntingdon Valley, Pa.**— Help the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) celebrate Healthcare Risk Management Week by participating in a contest that will recognize superlative medication safety efforts. **Deadline for receipt of contest entries is July 27, 2007.**

ISMP is seeking entries in the following categories. For more information on what must be included in submissions, visit [www.ismp.org/contest](http://www.ismp.org/contest).

- **Medication safety competencies.** Describe how you have built, maintained, and measured medication safety competencies for medical, nursing, pharmacy, and/or support staff (e.g., pharmacy technicians, unit secretaries).
- **Dashboard reports.** Submit an example of a dashboard report you routinely submit to the board, organizational leadership, and/or committees responsible for monitoring patient safety.
- **Medication reconciliation.** Describe successful strategies used to consistently provide accurate discharge medication lists to patients' next providers of care, including primary care physicians.
- **Web-based consumer education.** Submit a written description and URL for a hospital-based website created to help educate patients about their medications and safety precautions.
- **Communicating lessons learned.** Describe, including actual examples, the vehicles used to communicate safety lessons learned through internal error reporting programs, event analysis, failure mode and effects analysis, risk assessments, and medication safety measurements.

Entries should be faxed (215-914-1492), emailed ([ismpinfo@ismp.org](mailto:ismpinfo@ismp.org)), or sent by US mail (ISMP, 1800 Byberry Road, Suite 810, Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006, Attention: Charlotte Huber) by July 27, 2007.

All submissions must include name, email address, organization, street address, and phone number. One first place winner will receive an award of \$500, and second and third place winners will receive an award of \$250, to be used for patient safety projects. Winners will be announced in the ISMP newsletters. ISMP will provide national recognition for winners, including posting their entries on [www.ismp.org](http://www.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 more than 30 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process.*

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