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ISMP Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Please Give \$25 or more to Honor 25 Years of Advancing Medication Safety

Horsham, Pa.— In 2019, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is celebrating 25 years of leading the way in medication safety. ISMP is the only 501c (3) nonprofit organization devoted entirely to preventing medication errors, and has served as a vital force for progress. ISMP's advocacy work alone has resulted in numerous necessary changes in clinical practice, public policy, and drug labeling and packaging to prevent fatal errors and protect millions of patients.

ISMP also has made great strides in fostering a true culture of safety and empowering the healthcare community and consumers to prevent medication errors, including providing alerts on emerging safety issues and offering valuable tools, guidelines, and best practice recommendations. Some of the many highlights of ISMP's long history of advancing patient safety worldwide include:

- Establishing the only national voluntary medication error reporting program (ISMP National Medication Errors Reporting Program).
- Publishing newsletters with real-time safety information trusted by practitioners in nearly every U.S. hospital as well as acute, ambulatory, and long-term care settings.
- Developing groundbreaking medication safety self assessments for healthcare organizations.
- Creating free medication safety resources, including lists of high-alert drugs, often confused drug names, error-prone abbreviations and symbols, and tall man lettering.
- Providing unique educational programs for health professionals and guidelines with consensus-based best practices to address ongoing and emerging safety issues.

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ISMP has received several top honors during its long history, including being chosen as one of the inaugural recipients of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and Health Care Quality Alliance (HCQA) Pinnacle Award recognizing exemplary leadership in medication use quality improvement. ISMP also has received the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Award (AACP) for outstanding leadership in medication error prevention and research and the American Hospital Association (AHA) Award of Honor for dedication to the safe and improved use of medications.

In addition to its extensive advocacy in the U.S., ISMP has played a key role in international efforts to improve medication use, with affiliate organizations in Canada, Spain, and Brazil. ISMP is a founding organization of the International Medication Safety Network (IMSN), and also provides consultation and assistance on medication safety issues to health professionals all over the world, including in France, Ireland, Middle East, Nigeria, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

As an independent watchdog organization, ISMP receives no advertising revenue and depends entirely on charitable donations, educational grants, newsletter subscriptions, and volunteer efforts to pursue its life-saving work.

By making a donation of \$25 or more this year, individuals can help honor this milestone anniversary and enable ISMP to continue to provide free resources and fight against preventable medication errors. For more information on ISMP's history or to make a contribution, visit:

<https://www.ismp.org/our-silver-anniversary>.

About ISMP: The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. In 2019, ISMP is celebrating its 25th anniversary of helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe and leading efforts to improve the medication use process. For more information on ISMP, or its medication safety alert newsletters and other tools for healthcare professionals and consumers, visit www.ismp.org.

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