

## Safety Controls for High-Alert Medications - Update

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**TO:** All Service Delivery Organization Chief Medical and Nursing Officers

**RE: High-Alert Medications Clinical Standard and Medication List: Updated for Clarity**

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In response to feedback and requests from clinicians across SDOs, several key changes were made to the following High-Alert Medication documents:

- 1) The ***Provincial High-Alert Medication List*** was updated with new formatting and improved language surrounding routes of administration.
- 2) ***The Safety Controls for High-Alert Medications-Provincial Clinical Standard*** was edited for improved comprehension in sections 2.1, 2.2.3.1, and 2.2.3.2.
- 3) Posters and presentations impacted by the above changes were updated and several new posters were added to the website.

It is important to note, that the changes made did not alter the original intent of the approved documents but instead focused on enhanced clarity for application purposes only; making them easier for clinicians to interpret and use. For this reason, we did not want to delay this release. The updated documents and all associated resources affected by the changes have been posted to the Shared Health - Health Providers [Provincial Clinical Projects, Standards and Guidelines](#) webpage and are identified with clear date stamps to flag each edited item for review and/or action. All hyperlinks to the edited documents remain unchanged and active.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, recognizing the clinical implementation is actively occurring in a phased approach across SDOs. **Please share with relevant contacts within your organization as you see fit.**