

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES – MEDICATION ERRORS

RE: CLIENT SAFETY

PURPOSE: The purpose of these recommendations is to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Tennessee

CONFUSING ABBREVIATIONS TO AVOID

Health Care Professionals: Follow this link to *Institute for Safe Medication Practices* to find a chart that shows medical abbreviations that often lead to unwanted outcomes:

<http://www.ismp.org/tools/errorproneabbreviations.pdf>

20 TIPS TO PREVENT MEDICAL ERRORS

For Health Care Consumers: Follow the link to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for a patient fact sheet.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/20tips.htm>