



2026 KNOWLEDGE-BASED HOME-STUDY CE FOR PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

Closing the Safety Gap: Identifying and Preventing Medication Errors

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Activity Type:

Knowledge

Target Audience(s):

Pharmacists

Pharmacy technicians

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this CE activity, the participants will be able to do the following:

PHARMACIST & PHARMACY TECHNICIAN LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Learning Objectives for (pharmacists):

- Define medication error and discuss its socioeconomic impact in the United States
- Discuss strategies on how errors due to look-alike, sound-alike (LASA) medications can be avoided
- Identify examples of how poor packaging and labeling of products can result in medication errors
- Explain how proper communication and counseling can prevent errors and improve patient safety

Learning Objectives for (pharmacy technician):

- Define medication error and discuss its incidence
- List the most common causes of medication errors in contemporary pharmacy practice
- Identify high-alert medications that may cause serious harm when errors occur.
- Discuss strategies to prevent errors from occurring secondary to LASA drugs

Accreditation Information:

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How to obtain CE credit

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3. Register for that Home-Study CE activity (**IMPORTANT:** make sure to choose the program that corresponds to your profession, i.e., a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician)
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Speaker Bio:

Joseph V. Etzel, Pharm.D. is a double alumnus of St. John's University having earned his undergraduate degree in 1988 and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in 1990. Following his graduate studies, he completed a residency focusing on infectious diseases and pharmacokinetics at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, New York. He joined the faculty of the College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions in 1991 as a clinical faculty practitioner in the areas of Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. In 2001, he joined the Office of the Dean as Assistant Dean for Pharmacy Student Affairs and assumed the position of Associate Dean of Student Success in 2018. Dr. Etzel has over 60 publications in peer reviewed pharmacy and medical journals and has contributed to clinical case scenarios and clinical relevance section contributions to several textbooks. He has more than 250 professional presentations on the international, national, and local levels.