

The Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee approved and has recommended for approval to the Executive Committee of the Medical Board the following drugs:

Drug Name	Therapeutic Category
Donepezil (Aricept <sup>®</sup> ) tabs	Cholinesterase inhibitor
Lopinavir/ritonavir (Kaletra <sup>®</sup> ) caps	Protease inhibitor
Prednisolone (Prelone <sup>®</sup> ) liquid	Glucocorticoid

In 2000, there were 37 adverse drug reactions reported. Listed below are the drugs and number of occurrences of adverse reactions.

Drug Name	Number of occurrences
Amphotericin inj	one
Cefazolin inj	two
Betadine soln	one
Chemotherapy contrast media	two
D4t (savudine)	two
DDI (didanosine)	two
Depo-Provera	one
Dexferrum inj	two
Hydromorphone inj	one
Ferlecit inj	four
Heparin inj	one
Imipenem inj	one
Indinavir inj	one
Influenza inj	one
Levofloxacin inj	one
Omnipaque	one
Penicillin inj	one
Cilostazol tab	one
Rabies vaccine	one
Abciximab inj	one
Stilphosterol inj	one
Paclitaxel inj	two
taxotere inj	one
Ticarcillin/calvulanate inj	one
Vancomycin inj	four



As a reminder to all physicians ordering fosphenytoin (Cerebyx<sup>®</sup>) please order Cerebyx<sup>®</sup> as phenytoin equivalents (PE). Each milliliter of fosphenytoin injection contains **75MG OF FOSPHENYTOIN WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 50MG OF PHENYTOIN!** Fosphenytoin is a pro-drug which means it is converted into phenytoin in the body. So, if you want to prescribe the equivalent of 100mg of phenytoin, you must write the order as **fosphenytoin 100mg PE.**



The Question Corner (by Ira Dinerman, M.S., RPh, Drug Information Specialist)

Question: How do you dose protamine sulfate in patients administered low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)?

Response: The dose of protamine sulfate selected should be based on the amount of regular heparin or LMWH administered as well as the time elapsing since its administration.

<u>Time after regular heparin dose</u>	<u>Protamine sulfate dose</u>
less than 30 minutes	1 to 1.5 mg for each 100 units of heparin in last dose
30 to 120 minutes	0.5 to 0.75 mg for each 100 units of heparin in last dose
more than 120 minutes	0.25 to 0.375 mg for each 100 units of heparin in last dose
Heparin intravenous infusion	25 to 50mg after stopping the infusion

Time after last low molecular weight heparin dose

	<u>less than 8 hours</u>	<u>8 to 12 hours</u>	<u>more than 12 hours</u>
Fragmin <sup>®</sup>	1mg protamine per 100 units	0.5mg protamine per 100 units	not necessary
Lovenox <sup>®</sup>	1mg protamine per 1mg	0.5mg protamine per 1mg	not necessary