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## **ADR**

### ***Tip of the Month***

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#### ***Drug Shortages and Medication Safety Concerns***

Health care organizations and practitioners are coping with a new wave of paediatric drug shortages. For many of these, options are limited, and the possibility of harmful medication errors is not always well recognized.

Physicians should:

- Keep informed of impending drug shortages
- Work with pharmacists and other appropriate clinicians to assess clinical concerns
- Develop a mechanism to identify and approve alternative drugs
- Ensure that patients and families receive relevant information about the impact of drug shortages on therapy.

***Please report all serious  
adverse drug reactions (ADRs).***