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REPORT OF THE CME / WORKSHOP / CONFERENCE / MEETINGS / SPORTS & CULTURALS

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1	Activity Registration Number	SSAHE261331
2	Department	Pharmacology
3	Date of activity conducted	13/05/2026 and 14/05/2026
4	Type of the activity	Sensitization Programme
5	Title of the activity	Look alike and Sound alike Drugs
6	Number of participants	66

Report:

The Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC), Sri Siddhartha Medical College (SSMC), Tumkur, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), SSMC, organized a training programme for nursing staff on the topic “Look-Alike and Sound-Alike (LASA) Drugs” on 13th and 14th May 2026 as part of institutional patient safety and medication error prevention initiatives.

The programme was conducted with the objective of enhancing awareness regarding Look-Alike and Sound-Alike medications and reinforcing the importance of safe medication practices among healthcare professionals, particularly nursing staff involved in medication administration.

The session was conducted by Dr. Devraj, who served as the resource person. The presenter highlighted the significance of LASA drugs in clinical practice and emphasized the potential risks of medication errors arising due to similarities in drug names, packaging, labeling, or pronunciation. The importance of vigilant medication handling practices to ensure patient safety was also discussed.

The session commenced with an overview of Look-Alike and Sound-Alike medications, including their identification, causes of confusion, and the clinical impact of medication errors associated with LASA drugs. Various preventive strategies aimed at minimizing medication-related errors in hospital settings were explained in detail.



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Key aspects covered during the session included proper identification, segregation, labeling, storage, dispensing, and administration of LASA medications. Preventive measures such as implementation of color-coding systems, use of blue labels for Look-Alike drugs and green labels for Sound-Alike drugs, tall-man lettering, separate storage practices, double-checking procedures, and effective communication among healthcare professionals were discussed comprehensively.

Dr. Arun Hebbar emphasized the importance of exercising extra precautions while administering medications during routine nursing duties, particularly during periods of increased patient load where the likelihood of medication errors may be higher. He highlighted that several antibiotics and mineral/vitamin preparations may appear similar in packaging and appearance, thereby increasing the risk of administration errors. He also stressed the need for caution while receiving medication orders over telephone communication to avoid errors associated with sound-alike drug names.

Dr. Nandini elaborated on the importance of pharmacovigilance and the need for timely reporting of medication-related adverse events and errors. She emphasized the importance of maintaining accurate nursing charts and encouraged nursing staff to seek clarification from treating doctors whenever doubts arise regarding drug spelling, dosage, route of administration, or related medication instructions in order to ensure safe medication practices.

During the interactive discussion session, nursing staff actively participated and raised practical concerns related to medication administration in inpatient settings. Participants highlighted issues arising when tablet strips dispensed for multiple days were cut during pharmacy dispensing, leading to removal of drug names and expiry details, thereby causing confusion during medication administration. Appropriate corrective measures and feasible solutions were discussed to improve labeling and safe medication handling practices, thereby minimizing the risk of medication errors.

The programme witnessed active participation from nursing staff, and the interactive session reflected good engagement and improved understanding regarding LASA drugs and medication safety practices. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the support of the institution, organizing departments, resource persons, and participants in making the training programme successful.



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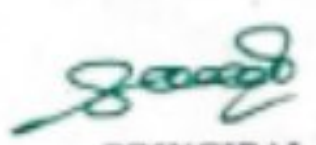
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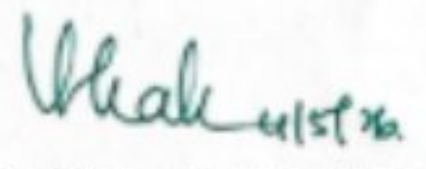
The Department of Pharmacology, in collaboration with the Quality Cell, SSMC, is organizing a sensitization program on the topic "Look-Alike and Sound-Alike Drugs" at Sri Siddhartha Medical College, Tumkur.

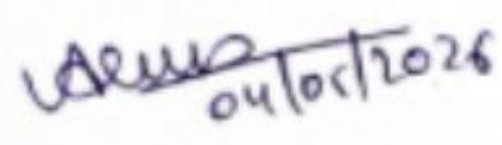
Date: 13/05/2026 and 14/05/2026
Time: 12:00 PM
Resource Person: Dr. Devraj C and Dr. Arun Hebbar JN
Department of Pharmacology,
Sri Siddhartha Medical College.
Venue: Conference Hall, SSMC

Trainees:
1. Nursing Staff


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Schedule if any: N/A



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List of participants/ attendance: 13/05/2026

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Date: 13/05/2026

Attendance for Sensitization Programme
Title: "Look - Alike and Sound - Alike Drugs"

Name	Department	Signature
Nagaveni V.	NICU	
Archana GS	FMW	
Pattarangaiah G.P.	SPW	
M. Subashini	Stun lab	
MR. Shankappa D	Quality DEPT	
Kasthuri	Quality	
Trishara	Quality	
Zaiba Anjum	Dietitian	
Senthil S	Pediatric	
Nirmala R	NICU	
Pithya	NICU	
Vaishali	PECU	
Sharada	MSW	
Vaishitha	Surgery	
monika .p.	medical	
H. Aishwarya	NICU	
Yallappa	Special ward	
Moolali	MICU	
Ashwini R.	EMD	
poorja P.S	EMD	
Nivedita DS	orthocard	



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22)	Sudha K	Orth ward	Sudha K
23)	Hemalatha S	EMO	Hemalatha S
24)	Supriya	Surgery	Supriya
25)	Arunima	Superior	Arunima
26)	Manjula	ENT	Manjula
27)	Chaitanya M	MICU	Chaitanya M
28)	Kavya	MICU	Kavya
29)	Hemavathi	medical ward	Hemavathi
30)	Manjula	Stun lab	Manjula
31)	Pattarangaiah G.P	SPW	Pattarangaiah G.P
32)	Archana GS	FMW	Archana GS
33)	Shaheen Begum	OBG ward	Shaheen Begum
34)	Sampathkumar A. Palad	OBG ward	Sampathkumar A. Palad
35)	Jyothi T.S.	OBG ward	Jyothi T.S.
36)	Sandhya DH	MMW	Sandhya DH
37)	Ule	COT	Ule
38)	Shravan	cardiac ward	Shravan
39)	Suathi	cardiac OT	Suathi
40)	Putrajahulu	cardiac OT	Putrajahulu
41)	Sudha mittar	cardiac cath	Sudha mittar

