

Protecting patients from fake medicines

Safe prescribing practices **checklist**

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Pause — Check before you trust

Take 30 seconds for a quick medication safety check. Ask where the patient obtained the medicine and visually inspect the tablets or packaging.



Probe — Ask and verify

Ask patients where and how they obtained their medicine. Use the NABP Safe Pharmacy Tool to confirm safe sources. Reinforce the message: only buy from verified pharmacies.



Protect — Teach to spot the fakes

Show patients three simple red flags: misspellings on labels, pills that look or feel wrong, or packaging that's been opened or tampered with.



Pass it on — Report and share

Report suspected fakes to the FDA (MedWatch or Unsafe Online Pharmacies portal). Encourage patients to report as well. Add a reporting link or phrase in your EHR to make it easy.

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*Taking a moment to pause can be the
difference between a medicine providing
treatment or harm.*