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**Importance:** High

To all Hartford Hospital Sponsored Paramedics:

Good afternoon. Hope everyone had a good weekend.

I need to remind folks of an important patient safety practice: labeling medications drawn up into syringes or added to IV bags. If a medication is drawn up into a syringe and will be turned over to another provider or there is a possibility for it to become confused with other syringes, it should be labeled. IV bags with medications added should also be labeled, especially if the infusion will not be completed prior to arrival at the hospital.

One particular example is the return of controlled substance kits. When returning syringes with un-used controlled substances to the pharmacy, please be sure to label them. Pharmacy now includes medication added stickers in the controlled substance kits (though kits presently in circulation may not have these yet).

Thank you for your attention to this. Please let me know if you have any questions or I can assist in any way.

Have a great day.

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