

## MEDICATION SAFETY ALERT

### CAUTION SIMILAR DRUG NAMES - Sulfasalazine / Sulfadiazine

Following a recent medication incident, please be aware of the risk of error when prescribing or dispensing these drugs

#### Sulfasalazine

- Used for rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, immunology disorders
- Amber drug with shared care framework  
<http://www.hey.nhs.uk/herpc/sulfasalazineRheumatology.pdf>

#### Sulfadiazine

- For treatment of toxoplasmosis (unlicensed indication) or prevention of rheumatic fever (rarely)
- Red drug - specialist prescriber only
- Warning has been added to ScriptSwitch

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