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Dear Healthcare Provider:

How often are you hampered in your ability to provide healthcare services to the patients you serve because you lack accurate and complete information about which medications they take? How often do you see adverse events occur due to incomplete or erroneous communication about a patient's medications? Here is an opportunity to do something about these problems!

The Tennessee Pharmacists Association is seeking your advice to guide the development of a Universal Medication List (UML) form for patient use in Tennessee. Our ultimate goal is to have an electronic system available to access the patient information needed for appropriate medication management across the continuum of care. Until such an electronic system is available, we are promoting use of a Universal Medication List that all Tennesseans will carry and continually update at all healthcare encounters. This is a tool intended to help patients communicate important information about their medications across all practice settings.

We would like for you to review South Carolina's UML form, found at http://www.tnpharm.org/CoCsurveybridge/UML_form-SC.pdf, and complete our survey, found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=65302249627>. The survey should require no more than five minutes of your time. The comments and suggestions we receive from you and other healthcare providers will be used to develop a UML prototype. We request your response by July 10, so that we can compile the survey results and meet our July target date for launching a Universal Medication List prototype in Tennessee.

Please forward this e-mail on to other healthcare providers you think might be willing to respond to our request for input on this project. The Tennessee Pharmacists Association looks forward to partnering with our healthcare colleagues in Tennessee in the development of a Universal Medication List and a process for its use. Thank you for taking time to contribute to this landmark project!

Sincerely,

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