

ANNOUNCING



FORMERLY KNOWN AS



ORDER ENTRY TIP

As new medication orders are entered into Matrix, please avoid adding duplicate directions in the special instructions. Instead, save the special instructions section for portions of the order not previously entered. Such as:

- manufacturer specifications (TAKE WITH 8 OUNCES OF FLUID, TAKE WITH MEALS, etc.)
- special instructions (HOLD IF SBP < 90, HOLD IF PULSE < 60, HOLD IF BLOOD SUGAR IS <90, etc)
- diagnosis information when the ICD10 code is not available

This will help emphasize special instructions, clear up directions on pharmacy label and prevent medication errors.

EXCITING NEWS!!

TridentCareRx will be officially changing its name to **Avendi Rx** on September 1st, 2020.

This rebranding strategy reflects both the evolution of the company as well as its vision for the future. Along with this change, the pharmacy has a redesigned company logo and a new website- planned to launch in conjunction with the name change on Sept. 1. The website will prominently feature the company's focus on expanding customer service capabilities and growing the Avendi Rx brand. The company's ownership and staff have not changed.

Owner, Ed Salyards, stated, "Our team has spent many hours considering the concept of the long term care pharmacy and how we can best suit both residents and their caregivers alike. We've taken this opportunity to become more dynamic, more forward thinking, and more technologically focused."

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Covid Update Moderna and Pfizer Begin Late-Stage Vaccine Trials

The studies each aim to enroll 30,000 people and determine whether the vaccines are safe and effective.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/27/health/moderna-vaccine-covid.html>

Vaccine Information

Influenza Vaccine

- In the United States, flu season occurs in the fall and winter with the peak being anywhere from late November through March.
- The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year.
- Among adults, complications, hospitalizations, and deaths due to influenza are generally most common among those 65 years old and over.
 - Adults 50 years old and over are a priority group for vaccination because this group may be more likely to have chronic medical conditions that put them at higher risk of severe influenza illness.

Pneumonia Vaccine

- The CDC recommends 2 pneumococcal vaccines for adults 65 years or older.
- Get a dose of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) first.
 - Then get a dose of the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) at least 1 year later.
- If patient has already received PPSV23, get PCV13 at least 1 year after receipt of the most recent PPSV23 dose.
 - If patient already received a dose of PCV13 at a younger age, CDC does not recommend another dose.

Shingles Vaccines

Shingrix

- CDC recommends receiving 2 doses of the Shingrix vaccine.
 - Healthy adults 50 years and older should receive two doses of Shingrix (recombinant zoster vaccine), separated by 2 to 6 months.
- All patients with health conditions, such as chronic renal failure, diabetes mellitus, rheumatoid arthritis, or chronic pulmonary disease should receive Shingrix.
- Patient should get the vaccine if he or she have had shingles in the past or received Zostavax® (Zoster Vaccine Live) at least 8 weeks prior.

Zostavax (Zoster Vaccine is no longer the preferred vaccine by the CDC)

- No longer sold in the United States as of July 1st, 2020.

Common Side Effects of all Vaccines

- **“Any vaccine can cause side effects.** For the most part these are minor (for example, a sore arm or low-grade fever) and go away within a few days.” - CDC