

Long-Term Care Survey Alert

Drug Inventory Management: ONLINE CENTER PROVIDES DRUG SHORTAGE GUIDANCE

If your long-term care facility is having difficulty keeping certain meds in stock, check out the **American Society of Health-System Pharmacists** online Drug Product Shortages Management Center on the trade group's Web site (www.ashp.org).

ASHP says it launched the center to help pharmacists, providers and drug inventory managers to navigate the ongoing drug shortage that continues to plague all health care settings.

Visitors to the virtual center will find lists of current and resolved drug shortage bulletins. By clicking on each drug, the health provider can find out the reason for the shortage, the estimated resupply dates, implications of the shortage on patient care and alternative drug agents and patient management.