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Medication Management and Medication Safety in Older Adults

Message from the Guest Editor

Managing medications becomes difficult for our older adult population. Older adults tend to have multiple comorbidities and most take more than five medications per day. Add to this the propensity to add over-thecounter medications and supplements, and the risks multiply. The number of medications used is a risk factor for adverse drug reactions, difficulty with adherence, drug interactions, falls/injuries, and financial burden. Many studies have shown that a greater number of medications used is a significant factor associated with frequent emergency department visits. Polypharmacy often involves the use of inappropriate medications in older adults. Although there are many tools to assist with recognizing these medications, they are still frequently prescribed. Some medications started as an adult for an appropriate reason fall into this category as a patient ages. There are many proposed strategies for assisting patients with managing medications and improving medication safety in this population, but not much evidence with positive results. This Special Issue welcomes articles of all types on this topic.

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