



## Medications in Life Stages

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Optimising medication use for different life-stages remains challenging. In most disease states, communicable and non-communicable, medication individualisation and therapy adherence remain major determinants of patient outcomes. Evidence suggests there is still a great deal of work required to achieve best practice in all life stages. The recent validation of practical bedside tools, usable by a range of professionals including pharmacists, for the diagnosis of delirium superimposed on dementia, provides a major opportunity in care of the elderly. Since delirium can mostly be effectively managed, this, coupled with the recent increased understanding of the role of anticholinergic burden opens major opportunities in reducing medication caused cognitively-impairment in the elders. There have been major developments in managing parenteral therapy in paediatric and neonatal intensive care, finding new ways to avoid precipitation risk within the infusion tubing. We hope this will provide an interesting and valuable reference source for better practice.





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