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High-Risk Medications for Elderly Patients

Listed below are drugs categorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as high-risk medications for patients over age 65. To help keep our members safe, please evaluate your patients' drug treatment regimens to determine if a safer, alternate medication would be right for them. We recognize that for some patients a medication change may be inappropriate, so we encourage you to continue discussing the risk factors associated with these medications.



CMS: High-Risk Medications for Patients Over Age 65*

Amphetamine	Diphenoxylate/Atropine	Ketorolac	Orphenadrine
Carisoprodol	Dipyridamole	Meprobamate	Phenobarbital
Cyclobenzaprine	Estrogen	Metaxalone	Promethazine
Cyproheptadine	Hydroxyzine	Methocarbamol	Scopolamine
Dextroamphetamine	Hyoscyamine	Methylphenidate	Thioridazine
Dicylomine	Hyoscyamine/Methenam/ M Blue/Phenyl Salicyl	Nitrofurantoin	Trimethobenzamide

*Please consult the [complete medication list](#) for all the high-risk medications.