

Table 3 Questions to Ask and Possible Symptoms Indicating a Potential Adverse Drug Event

Has there been any change in the patient's ...	Example Signs and Symptoms/Triggers		
Appetite and intake and/or gastrointestinal symptoms	Anorexia Abdominal pain Bloating/gas	Changes in thirst Esophagitis or reflux Hunger	Loss of appetite Nausea and vomiting Weight loss
Bowel and bladder patterns	Blood in stools Constipation Concentrated urine	Decreased urine output Decreased bowel sounds Difficulty urinating/ inability to urinate	Diarrhea/leaking stools Increased urination
Skin	Ascites Bleeding Bruising Dry skin/mucous membranes Elevated temperature Heat intolerance	Chills Clamminess Flushing of skin Increased warmth, edema, and/or erythema of extremities Itching	Lower extremity edema Phlebitis Poor skin turgor Jaundice (including yellowing of sclera) Rash Sweating
Mental status	Confusion	Disorientation	Lethargy
Behavior	Agitation Anxiety Delirium	Delusions Hallucinations	Impatience Irritability Nervousness
Functional status	Arrhythmias Dizziness Falls Light-headedness	Orthostatic hypotension Rapid respirations Shortness of breath	Vertigo Vision changes/ disturbances
Sleep patterns	Increased sedation	Insomnia	Somnolence
Neurological	Akathisia Changes in balance/gait/ coordination Hand tremors Headaches	Lack of coordination Muscle cramps Muscle twitches Neuropathies Parkinsonism	Seizures Slurred speech Tingling/numbness of lips or tongue Uncontrollable eye movements
Lab work/tests	Abnormal labs CBC abnormal Digoxin levels Drug levels ECG changes Elevated BUN/creatinine	Elevated PT/INR Hypoglycemia Hypokalemia Hyperglycemia Hyperkalemia Ketonuria Labs (dehydration)	Liver function test Low platelet count Phenytoin/valproic acid Sodium levels Thyroid lab abnormalities Urinalysis
Vital signs	Blood pressure (high/ low)	Pulse oximetry Pulse rate/rhythm	Respirations