

Table 1 Common Medication Classes With High Risk for Adverse Drug Events in Older Adults

Antibiotics
Antidepressants
Antipsychotics
Benzodiazepines
Beta-blockers (especially nonselective)
Diuretics
Duplicate drug classes
Megace and other appetite stimulants
Neurological medications (eg, anticonvulsants)
NSAIDs
Nonbenzodiazepine hypnotics (eg, Ambien)
Oral diabetes medications
Opioid and opioidlike pain medications
Proton-pump inhibitors (especially beyond eight weeks without adequate indication)
Sedative/hypnotic medications
Sliding scale insulin

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Table 2 Clinical Interventions That May Indicate an Adverse Drug Event

Abnormal drug levels
Stat drug level orders
Stat lab orders
Stat X-ray
New order for ECG
New order for CT scan
New laxative order
New diuretic order

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