

Long-Term Care Survey Alert

Clip -n- Save: Watch Out For These Drugs On Updated Beers List

The updated Beers list of potentially dangerous drugs in the elderly contains a number of new drugs. Some of the additions include the following meds:

1. Conventional antipsychotic medications, Reglan and Cognex, in patients with Parkinson's disease;
2. Wellbutrin in residents with seizure disorders;
3. Macrodantin;
4. Ferrous sulfate greater than 325 mg;
5. Daily Prozac;
6. Catapres;
7. Tagamet
8. Long-acting benzodiazepenes in residents who have COPD, stress incontinence, depression and falls; and
9. Antispasmodics, muscle relaxants and barbiturates in residents with cognitive impairment.

Editor's Note: Review all of the changes to the 1997 Beers list at <http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/163/22/2716/TABLEIOI20821T3>.