

RESOURCES: USE OF ANTIPSYCHOTICS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

The misuse of antipsychotics among long-term care residents is a growing concern and has captured the attention of government agencies, organizations, advocates, policy makers and researchers. This resource list highlights some of the organizations, initiatives, advocacy and research supporting the reduction of inappropriate use of antipsychotics in long-term care facilities (especially for residents with dementia).

INITIATIVES

Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes

http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/star_index.aspx?controls=dementiaCare

The Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes Campaign is a major initiative of the Advancing Excellence in Long Term Care Collaborative. The Collaborative assists all stakeholders of long term care supports and services to achieve the highest practicable level of physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being for all individuals receiving long term care services. One of 2012 campaign goals addresses the **appropriate use of medications**:

http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/files/NewGoals_030612.pdf

CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) Partnership to Improve Dementia Care Initiative

[May 30, 2012 Press Release](#)

ORGANIZATIONS

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

<http://www.theconsumervoice.org/advocate/antipsychotic-drugs>

<http://www.theconsumervoice.org/advocate/culturechange>

<http://www.theconsumervoice.org/advocate/factsheets>

The National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC)

<http://www.ltombudsman.org/issues/dementia-care>

<http://www.ltombudsman.org/issues/culture-change>

<http://www.ltombudsman.org/ombudsman-support/training>

Alzheimer's Association

www.alz.org

State Alzheimer's Disease Plans: Quality of Care

http://www.alz.org/documents_custom/state_plan/quality%20of%20care.pdf

Dementia Care Practice Recommendations for Assisted Living Residences and Nursing Homes

http://www.alz.org/national/documents/brochure_dcprphases1n2.pdf

Alzheimer's Society

<http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/antipsychotics>

American Health Care Association (AHCA): The Quality Initiative (AHCA/NCAL)

One of the four goals for The Quality Initiative is **Safely Reducing the Off-Label Use of Antipsychotics** by 15 percent by December 2012 is one of the four goals.

http://www.ahcancal.org/QUALITY_IMPROVEMENT/QUALITYINITIATIVE/Pages/default.aspx

American Medical Directors Association (AMDA)

<http://www.amda.com/advocacy/brucbs.cfm>

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

<https://www.ascp.com/articles/antipsychotic-medication-use-nursing-facility-residents>

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR)

<http://www.canhr.org/stop-drugging>

LeadingAge

<http://www.leadingage.org/Newsletter.aspx?id=4694&pv=t>

Pioneer Network

www.pioneernetwork.net

<http://www.pioneernetwork.net/Upcoming/Detail.aspx?id=286>

The Dementia Action Alliance

<http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/>

The Eden Alternative

<http://www.edenalt.org/how-we-serve/reduce-the-use-of-antipsychotic-medications-in-people-living-in-long-term-care-settings>

REGULATIONS

CMS State Operations Manual, Appendix PP - Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities

§483.25(l) Unnecessary Drugs Interpretive Guidelines (revised 2006)

http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_pp_guidelines_ltc.pdf

NH Regulations Plus

<http://www.hpm.umn.edu/nhregsplus/>

Quality of Care (under unnecessary drugs):

<http://www.hpm.umn.edu/nhregsplus/NH%20Regs%20by%20Topic/Topic%20Quality%20of%20Care.html>

Resident Behavior and Facility Practices (under chemical restraints):

<http://www.hpm.umn.edu/nhregsplus/NH%20Regs%20by%20Topic/Topic%20Resident%20Behavior%20and%20Facility%20Practices.html>

RESEARCH/REPORTS

A Randomised, Blinded, Placebo-Controlled Trial in Dementia Patients Continuing or Stopping

Neuroleptics (The DART-AD Trial). Clive Ballard, Marisa Margallo Lana, Megan Theodoulou, Simon Douglas, Rupert McShane, Robin Jacoby, Katja Kossakowski, Ly-Mee Yu, Edmund Juszczak. (2008)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2276521/pdf/pmed.0050076.pdf>

A Systematic Evidence Review of Non-pharmacological Interventions for Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia

Washington (DC): [Department of Veterans Affairs](http://www.dva.gov); March 2011. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK54971>

Dementia Beyond Drugs: Changing the Culture of Care. G. Allen Power.

<http://www.healthpropress.com/store/power-29562/index.htm>

Medicare Atypical Antipsychotic Drug Claims for Elderly Nursing Home Residents *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General* (2011)

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-07-08-00150.asp>

Nursing Facility Assessments and Care Plans for Residents Receiving Atypical Antipsychotic Drugs *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General* (2012)

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-07-08-00151.asp>

Reducing antipsychotic drug prescribing for nursing home patients: a controlled trial of the effect of an educational visit. W A Ray, D G Blazer 2nd, W Schaffner, and C F Federspiel. (1982)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.77.11.1448>

TRAINING/IN-SERVICES

Antipsychotic Drugs in Dementia: A Best Practice Guide. Deborah Sturdy, Hazel Heath, Professor Clive Ballard, Professor Alistair Burns.

<http://nursingstandard.rcnpublishing.co.uk/supplements/booklets-and-guides/antipsychotic-drugs-in-dementia-a-best-practice-guide/>

Caring for a Person with Alzheimer's Disease. National Institute on Aging.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers/publication>

CMS Surveyor Training: Initiative to Improve Behavioral Health and Reduce the Use of Antipsychotic Medications in Nursing Homes Residents (March 29, 2012)

<http://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov/pubs/Videoinformation.aspx?cid=1098>

Developing Meaningful Connections with People with Dementia: A Training Manual. Beth Spencer, Anne Robinson, Chris Curtin. Michigan Dementia Coalition. <http://www.dementiacoalition.org/professionals/pdfs/Train-the-Trainer-Dementia-Care-Manual.pdf>

Improving Dementia Care- Reducing Unnecessary Antipsychotic Medications (ppt): Cheryl Phillips, M.D., AGSF, Senior VP Public Policy and Advocacy, LeadingAge

<http://www.slideshare.net/AAHSA/reducing-antipsychotic-drug-use-for-dementia>

Ombudsman Advocacy and Culture Change: Achieving Resident-Directed Care in Daily Advocacy.

<http://www.ltombudsman.org/ombudsman-support/training/conference-calls/ombudsman-advocacy-and-culture-change>

Optimising treatment and care for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia: A best practice guide. The Dementia Action Alliance.

http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=609

Reducing the use of antipsychotic drugs: A guide to the treatment and care of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1133