



On Golden Pond: Geriatric Pain Management

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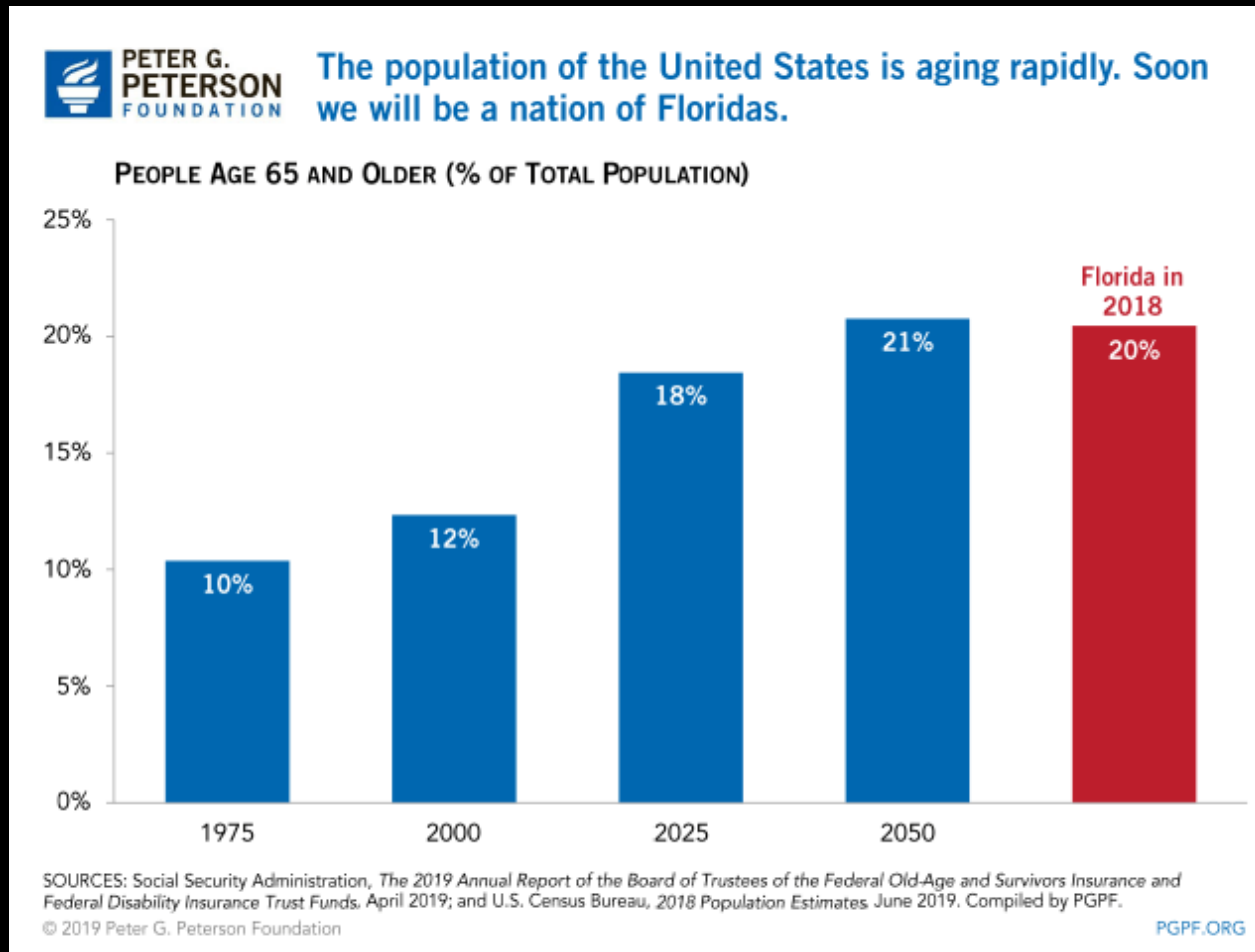
Opinions...

I have personal and professional opinions on pain management. However, some things are better left NSAID.

Learning Objectives

- Restate common anatomical and physiological changes alter medication pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics in older adults
- Identify pain management medications that are considered to be potentially inappropriate if used in older adults based on the 2019 AGS Beers List
- Recognize potentially inappropriate drug-drug interactions that should be avoided in older adults based on the 2019 AGS Beers List

Hopefully, We'll all be Geriatric Patients if not already!

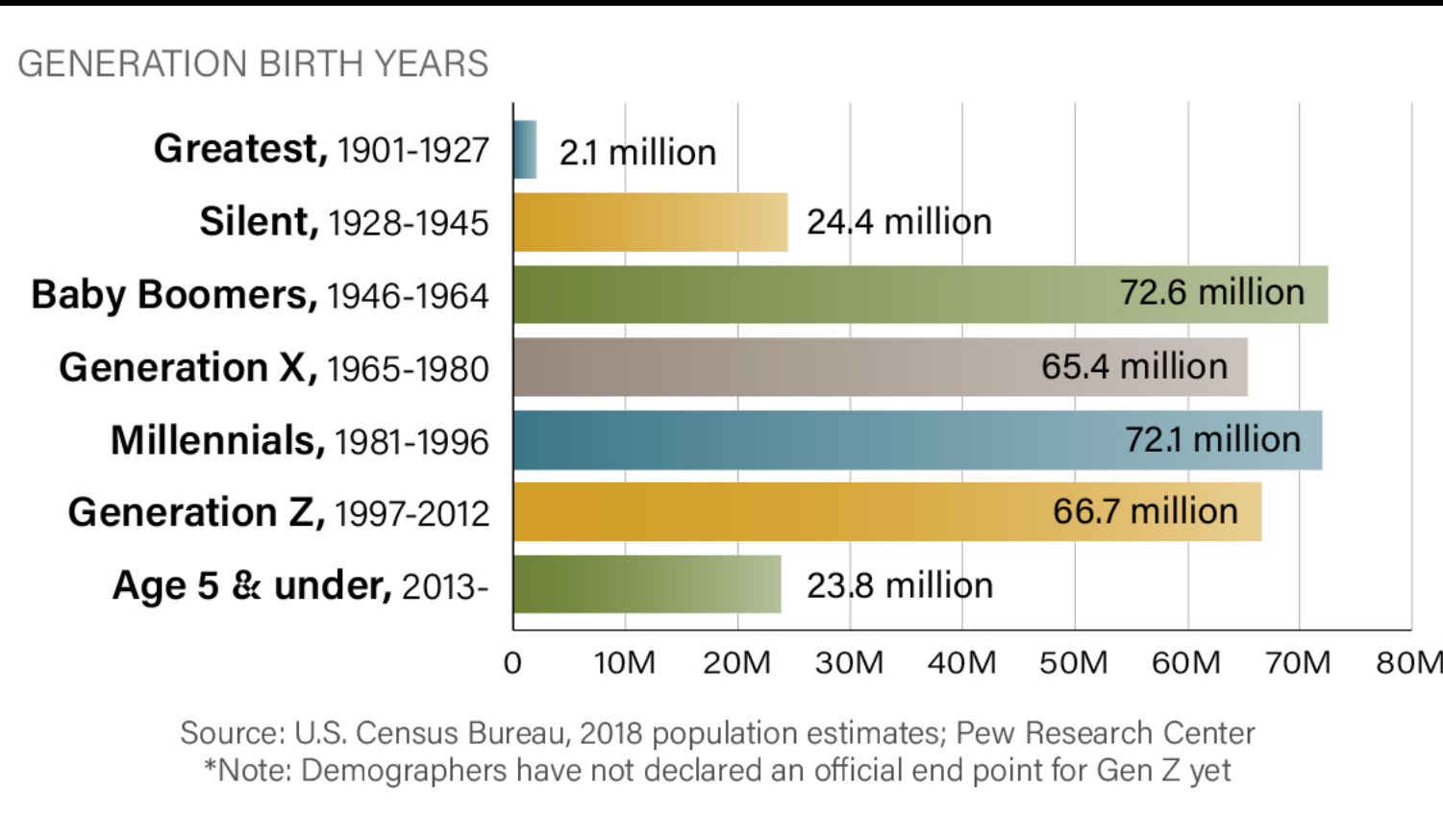


How Many Centurions will be alive in 2100?

- Roman Centurions
 - Professional Officers
- People living to be 100yo



Generational Differences



Generational Differences

Generation	~Birth Year	Personalities	Preferred Coaching	Descriptions
GI/Silent	1900-1945	Respect, Loyalty, & Order	No news is good news	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative, Clear Gender Roles • Like Work, but don't live to work • Key Reward: "Satisfaction of a job well done"
Baby Boomers	1946-1964	Optimism Reject Authority	Once a year, needed or not	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in nuclear families, unlike their own • Team Players and workaholics • Do NOT want to be continually "connected" • Key Rewards are "Money, title, & recognition"
Generation X	1965-1980	Skeptical Don't Value Loyalty	Reject micromanaging "So How am I Doing?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in single parent or dual earner families • Independent and question the establishment • Key Reward: "Freedom and time"
Millennials (Generation Y)	1981-1995	Respectful Confident	Engaging Immediate Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Trophy Kids" with "Helicopter Parents" • Do NOT respect chain of commands • Key Reward: "Meaningful work"
Generation Z	1996-2011	Empowering	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised on the internet • Comfortable with social media • Now graduating college and entering workforce
Generation Alpha	2012-Present	Inspiring	Co-Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek alphabet "alpha" • First born entirely in 21st Century • Adulthood in 2030's when population is 9 Billion

Aging Anatomy & Physiology

Cardiovascular

- Heart wall thickens
- HR decreases
- Systolic BP increases

Pulmonary

- Chest wall thickens
- Central airways widen
 - Decreased pulmonary Flow

Central Nervous System (CNS)

- Brain size decreases
- Serotonin system changes
- Blood-Brain-Barrier thins



Aging Anatomy & Physiology

Endocrine

- Kidney size decreases
- GFR decreases
- Renin activity decreases
 - Less Na retained
- Hormone receptors decrease
- Glucose tolerance decreases
- Sweat less, thus body overheats easier

Hepatic System

- Liver mass decreases
- CYP3A4 function decreases



Aging Anatomy & Physiology

- Immune System
 - Entire immune system function decreases

- Gastrointestinal
 - Stomach lining/secretion/gastric emptying frequency decreases
 - Stomach pH/gastric emptying time duration increases
 - Colon nutritional absorption decreases

- Overall Body
 - Body water/muscle ratio decreases
 - Body fat increases
 - Hearing and vision decrease



Geriatric PK & PD

Pain Management Related

- Pharmacodynamics (PD)

- Elderly body has an increased risk of side effects for these medications:

- Opioids (CNS effects)
 - Antipsychotics (extrapyramidal effects and tardive dyskinesia)
 - Tricyclic antidepressants (orthostatic hypotension)
 - NSAIDs (GI bleeding)

- Pharmacokinetics (PK)

- Aging produces reduced CYP450 2D6 & 3A4 Metabolism
 - Aging produces reduced first pass metabolism of morphine

Medication Utilization in the Elderly Population

- Elderly women are observed to take more medications than elderly men
- Medication use is greatest among the frail elderly, hospitalized patients, and nursing home residents
 - A typical nursing home resident is given 7 to 8 drugs on a regular basis.

Unique Medications	% of Geriatric Population
1	90%
5	40%
10	12%

Geriatric Medication Toolbelt

Medication Selection & Utilization Tools for Patients ≥ 65 yo	
AGS Beers	American Geriatrics Society Beers List
STOPP	Screening Tool of Older Peoples Prescriptions
START	Screening Tool to Alert to Right Treatment
FORTA	Fit fOR The Aged
MAI	Medication Appropriateness Index
ADS	Anticholinergic Drug Scale
ACB	Anticholinergic Cognitive Burden Scale
ARS	Anticholinergic Risk Scale

Beers List



American Geriatrics Society (AGS) Beers List

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

American Geriatrics Society 2019 Updated AGS Beers Criteria[®] for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults

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See related editorial by Michael Steinman et al.

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Dr. Mark Beers List

Year	Descriptions
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Original guideline of medications to avoid in the elderly
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarified medications to avoid, doses/frequencies to avoid, and medications to avoid in patients with specific conditions
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid because of ineffectiveness, or high risk with safer alternative available• Further clarified medications to avoid in specific medical conditions
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated Review Criteria basis: Quality & Strength of evidence
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New categories of recommendations including Renal Adjustments & Drug-Drug Interactions
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 Experts reviewed 1,400 articles from 2015-2017 for updated clinical information

2019 AGS Beers List (10 Tables)



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Potentially Inappropriate Medications (PIMs) for Older Adults Pain Management Related

Drug Class	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)	Alternative(s)
1st Generation Antihistamines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphenhydramine, Doxylamine, Meclizine, Promethazine, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticholinergic Clearance reduced with advanced age Increased risk of confusion, dry mouth, constipation, etc. 	Avoid	Moderate	Strong	2 nd Generation Antihistamines, sleep hygiene, etc.
TCAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amitriptyline, nortriptyline, desipramine, doxepin (>6mg/day), imipramine, clomipramine, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticholinergic Increases risk of sedation, orthostatic hypotension, or bradycardia 	Avoid	High	Strong	SSRI, SNRI, bupropion, melatonin, sleep hygiene, trazodone, topical capsaicin, topical lidocaine

Potentially Inappropriate Medications (PIMs) for Older Adults

Pain Management Related

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Benzos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short, Intermediate, & Long Acting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased benzo sensitivity Slower metabolism of long-acting benzos Increased risk of sedation, falls/fractures, & vehicle crashes 	Avoid	Moderate	Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSRI, SNRI, bupropion, melatonin, trazodone, sleep hygiene, etc. If absolutely needed, utilize triazolam (short-acting PO)
Z-Hypnotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased risk of sedation, falls/fractures, ER/hospitalizations, & vehicle crashes Minimal improvement in sleep latency and duration. 	Avoid	Moderate	Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trazodone, melatonin, sleep hygiene

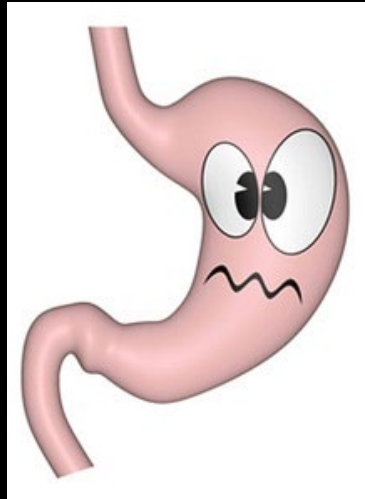
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Meperidine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not effective oral analgesic in dosages commonly used Risk of neurotoxicity Exceeds Benefit relative to other opioids 	Avoid	Moderate	Strong	COX-2 Selective NSAIDs, APAP, morphine, hydrocodone, etc.
"Muscle Relaxants" (Spasmodics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most muscle relaxants poorly tolerated by older adults because of anticholinergic adverse effects, sedation, risk of fracture Effectiveness at dosages tolerated by older adults is questionable 	Assess spasticity versus spasms	Moderate	Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiate spasticity vs. spasms Antispasticity Agents still require monitoring (baclofen & tizanidine)
COX-1 Selective NSAIDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased of GI bleed in high risk groups (>75yo w/ corticosteroid, anticoagulant, or antiplatelet medication) Can increase blood pressure Can increase risk of kidney injury 	Avoid Chronic Use (Unless alternatives fail +/- Miso/PPI to reduce risk)	Moderate	Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acetaminophen Topical lidocaine Topical capsaicin Non-Pharm

COX-1 & COX-2

COX-1 Selective



COX-2 Selective

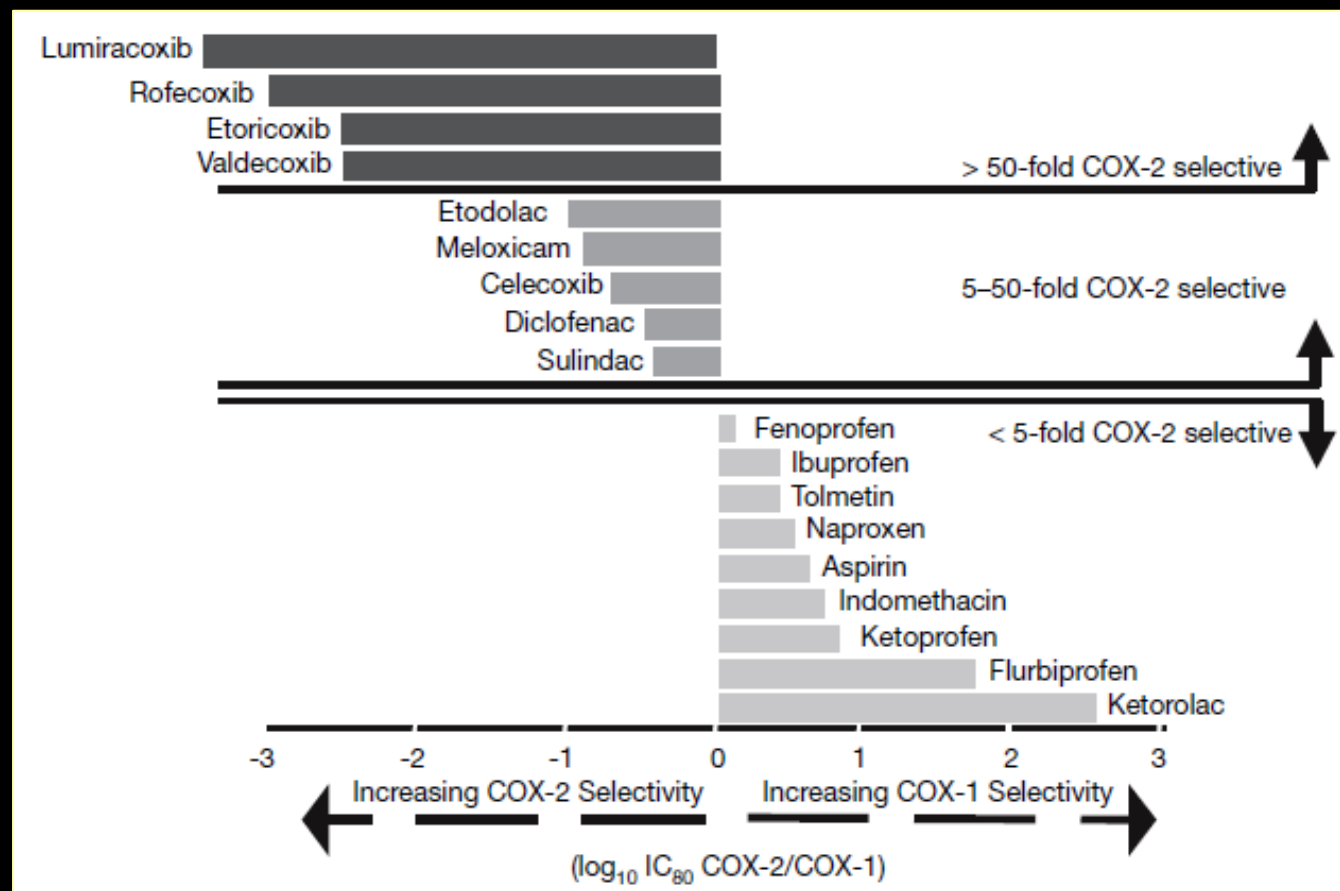


COX-1 : COX-2

NSAID	COX-I to COX-2 Ratio
Flurbiprofen	10.27
Ketoprofen	8.16
Fenoprofen	5.14
Tolmetin	3.93
Aspirin	3.12
Oxaprozin	2.52
Naproxen	1.79
Indomethacin	1.78
Ibuprofen	1.69
Ketorolac	1.64

NSAID	COX-I to COX-2 Ratio
Piroxicam	0.79
Nabumetone	0.64
Etodolac	0.11
Celecoxib	0.11
Meloxicam	0.09
Mefenamic acid	0.08
Diclofenac	0.05
Rofecoxib	0.05

COX-2 : COX-1



Topical Diclofenac

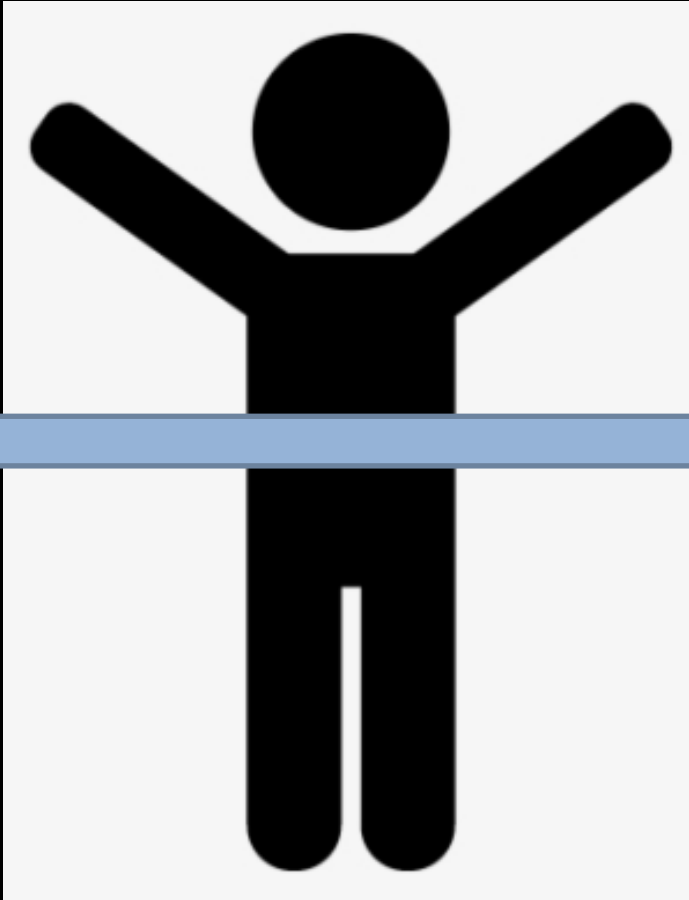
- 2007: FDA Approved Rx
- 2020: FDA Approved OTC (Valentine's Day)
- May take up to 7 days for efficacy
- Intended for osteoarthritis joint pain
 - Hands, Knees, & Feet
- Not shown to be effective for strains, sprains, bruises, or sports injuries



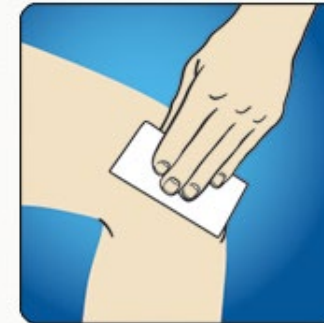
Topical Diclofenac

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4g



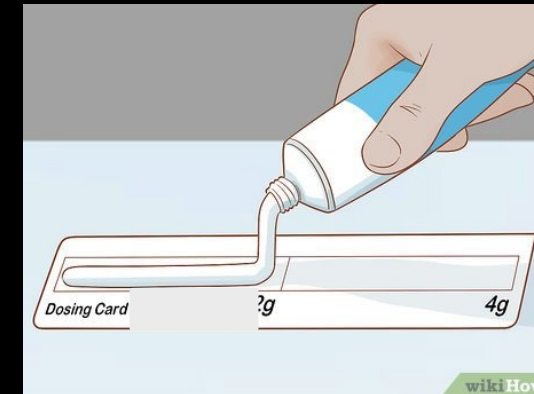
Measure...
to the appropriate
2-gram or 4-gram line



Apply...
to the affected joint



Massage...
over the entire affected joint
ensuring appropriate application



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Elderly PIMs Due to Drug-Disease/Syndrome Interactions

Pain Management Related

Disease Or Syndrome	Drug Class	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
Heart Failure	COX-2 Selective NSAIDs	Potential to promote fluid retention and/or exacerbate HF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid in patients with symptomatic HF Use with caution for Asymptomatic HF 	Moderate	Strong
Syncope	Tertiary TCAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amitriptyline, doxepin, imipramine, clomipramine, & trimipramine 	Increased risk of orthostatic hypotension or bradycardia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid If TCA must be utilized, prefer Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nortriptyline or desipramine 	High	Strong

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Pain Management Related

Disease Or Syndrome	Drug Class	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
Delirium	Anticholinergics, Antipsychotics, Benzos, Z-Hypnotics, Corticosteroids, H2 Blockers, & meperidine	Potential to induce/worsen delirium	Avoid	Moderate (H2 Blockers, Low)	Strong
Dementia or Cognitive Impairment	Anticholinergics, Benzos, & Z-Hypnotics	CNS Side Effects	Avoid	Moderate	Strong
Falls/Fractures History	Benzos, AEDs, Antipsychotics, Z-Hypnotics, TCAs, SNRIs, SSRIs, & Opioids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May cause ataxia, syncope, & falls Shorter acting benzos not safer than long acting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid unless safer alternatives are not available Opioids only for severe acute pain Antidepressants mixed data, but none shown to cause less falls relatively 	Moderate	Strong

Elderly PIMs Due to Drug-Disease/Syndrome Interactions

Pain Management Related

Disease Or Syndrome	Drug Class	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
GI Ulcer History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspirin doses > 325mg/day COX-I Selective NSAID 	May exacerbate current ulcers or precipitate new ulcers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid unless other alternatives are not effective & patient is able to utilize PPI/miso 	Moderate	Strong
Chronic Kidney Disease Stage ≥ 4 (CrCl < 30mL/min)	All NSAIDs	May increase risk of acute kidney injury and further decline of renal function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid 	Moderate	Strong

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Medications to be Used with Caution with Older Adults

Pain Management Related

Drug	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
Aspirin (Cardio-Protection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of major bleeding increases markedly in older age. Several studies suggest lack of net benefit when used for PP in older adults with CV risk factors, but evidence is not conclusive. Generally indicated for secondary prevention in older adults with established CVD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use with caution in patients ≥ 70yo 	Moderate	Strong
Antipsychotics, carbamazepine, SNRIs, SSRIs, TCAs, diuretics, & tramadol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May exacerbate or cause SIADH or hyponatremia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use with caution Monitor sodium closely when starting or changing dosages in older adults 	Moderate	Strong

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Elderly PIMs Due to Drug-Drug Interactions

Pain Management Related


Drug Class	Interacting Drug	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
Corticosteroids	NSAIDs	Increased risk of PUD or GI bleed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid• If avoidance not possible, utilize PPI/miso	Moderate	Strong
Warfarin	NSAIDs	Increased risk of bleeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid• If avoidance not possible, monitor closely for bleeding	High	Strong

Elderly PIMs Due to Drug-Drug Interactions

Pain Management Related

Drug Class	Interacting Drug	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
Opioids	Benzos & Gabapentinoids	Increased risk of severe sedation, respiratory depression/death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid Rare exception when converting from opiate to gabapentin 	Moderate	Strong
Antidepressants, Antipsychotics, AEDs, Z-Hypnotics, Benzos, & Opioids	Any combination	Increased risk of falls and fractures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid total of 3 or more CNS active drugs Minimize CNS active drugs 	High	Strong

Pain Management Drug Interactions Opioids & Benzos (Black Box Warnings)

	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	
		Food and Drug Administration 10903 New Hampshire Ave Building 51 Silver Spring, MD 20993
Leana Wen, M.D. M.Sc. Commissioner of Health Baltimore City Department of Health 1001 E. Fayette St. Baltimore, MD 21202		AUG 31 2016
Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., M.P.H. Director Rhode Island Department of Health 3 Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908		
RE: Docket No. FDA-2016-P-0689		

Pain Management Drug Interactions

Opioids & Benzos (Black Box Warnings)

WARNING: RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH OPIOIDS

Concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.X), *Drug Interactions* (7.X)].

- Reserve concomitant prescribing of these drugs for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate.
- Limit dosages and duration to the minimum required.
- Follow patients for signs and symptoms of respiratory depression and sedation.

WARNING: RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH BENZODIAZEPINES OR OTHER CNS DEPRESSANTS

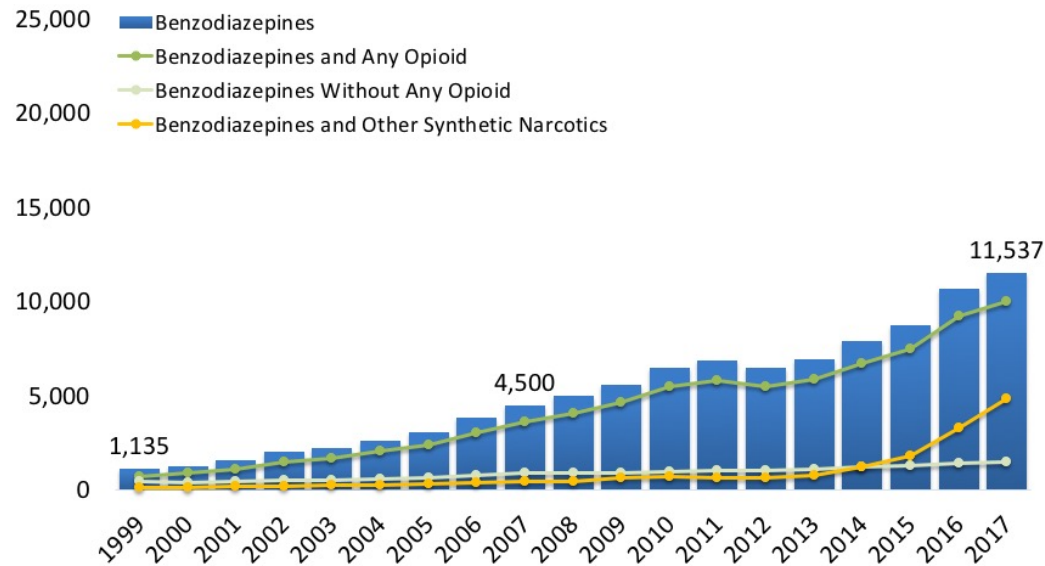
Concomitant use of opioids with benzodiazepines or other central nervous system (CNS) depressants, including alcohol, may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.X), *Drug Interactions* (7.X)].

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Pain Management Drug Interactions

Opioids & Benzos (CDC Warnings)

Figure 8. National Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Benzodiazepines, by Opioid Involvement, Number Among All Ages, 1999-2017



Source: : Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released December, 2018

CDC GUIDELINE FOR PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS FOR CHRONIC PAIN

ASSESSING RISK AND ADDRESSING HARMS

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AVOID CONCURRENT OPIOID AND BENZODIAZEPINE PRESCRIBING

Clinicians should avoid prescribing opioid pain medication and benzodiazepines concurrently whenever possible.

Pain Management Drug Interactions

Hepatic & Serotonergic

CYP-450 Enzyme	Common Substrates	Common Inhibitors	Common Inducers
1A2	Tizanidine	Major: ciprofloxacin & fluvoxamine	Major: Smoking Minor: rifampin & barbiturates
2D6	codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, trazodone, & venlafaxine	cocaine, cimetidine, fluoxetine, paroxetine, & sertraline	<i>Not Inducible</i>
3A4	Fentanyl, oxycodone, etc.	grapefruit juice, azoles, clarithromycin, diltiazem, erythromycin, & verapamil	garlic & prednisone
Serotonergic Opioids		meperidine, methadone, & tramadol	

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Medications To Avoid/Adjust with Reduced Kidney Function in Older Adults

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Drug	CrCl Requiring Action	Rationale	Recommendation	Quality of Evidence (Low/Moderate/High)	Strength of Recommendation (Strong/Weak)
Duloxetine	< 30 mL/Min	Increased GI ADEs (N/V & Diarrhea)	Avoid	Moderate	Weak
Gabapentin	< 60 mL/Min	CNS ADEs	Reduce Dose	Moderate	Strong
Levetiracetam	<= 80 mL/Min	CNS ADEs	Reduce Dose	Moderate	Strong
Pregabalin	< 60 mL/Min	CNS ADEs	Reduce Dose	Moderate	Strong
Tramadol	< 30 mL/Min	CNS ADEs	IR: Reduce Dose ER: Avoid	Low	Weak
Colchicine	< 30 mL/Min	GI, Neuromuscular, & Bone Marrow Toxicity	Reduce Dose Monitor ADEs	Moderate	Strong
Probenecid	< 30 mL/Min	Loss of effectiveness	Avoid	Moderate	Strong

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Pain Management Related

1. TCA Antidepressants

2. 1st Generation Antihistamines

- Brompheniramine
- Chlorpheniramine
- Diphenhydramine
- Doxylamine
- Hydroxyzine
- Meclizine

3. Antipsychotics

- Chlorpromazine
- Clozapine
- Olanzapine, etc.

4. “Muscle Relaxants”

- Cyclobenzaprine
- Orphenadrine

Anticholinergic Medication Scales

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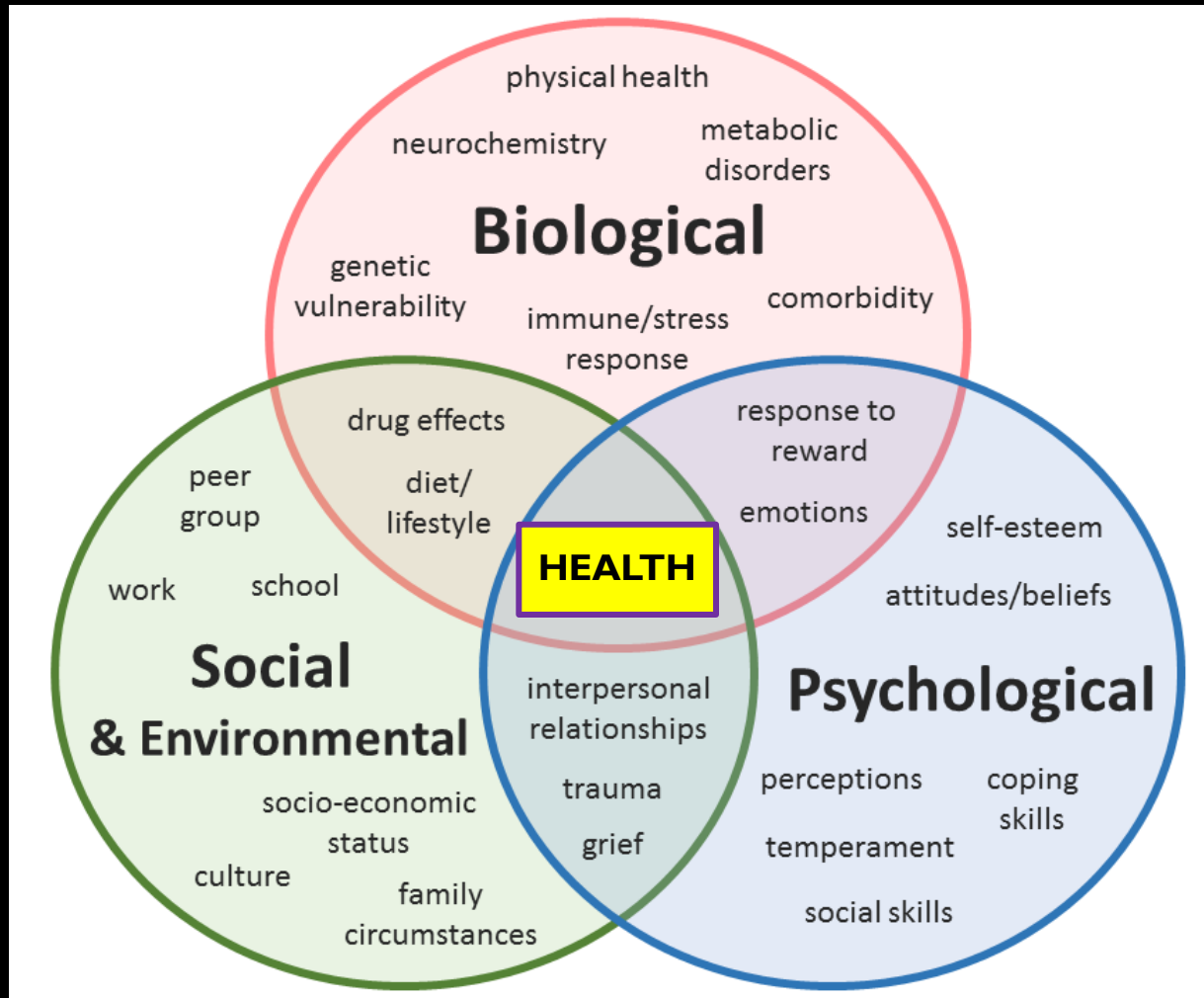
If Not Anything, Then Something?

Patient by patient scenarios

- Clinical judgment
- Monitoring
- Documentation

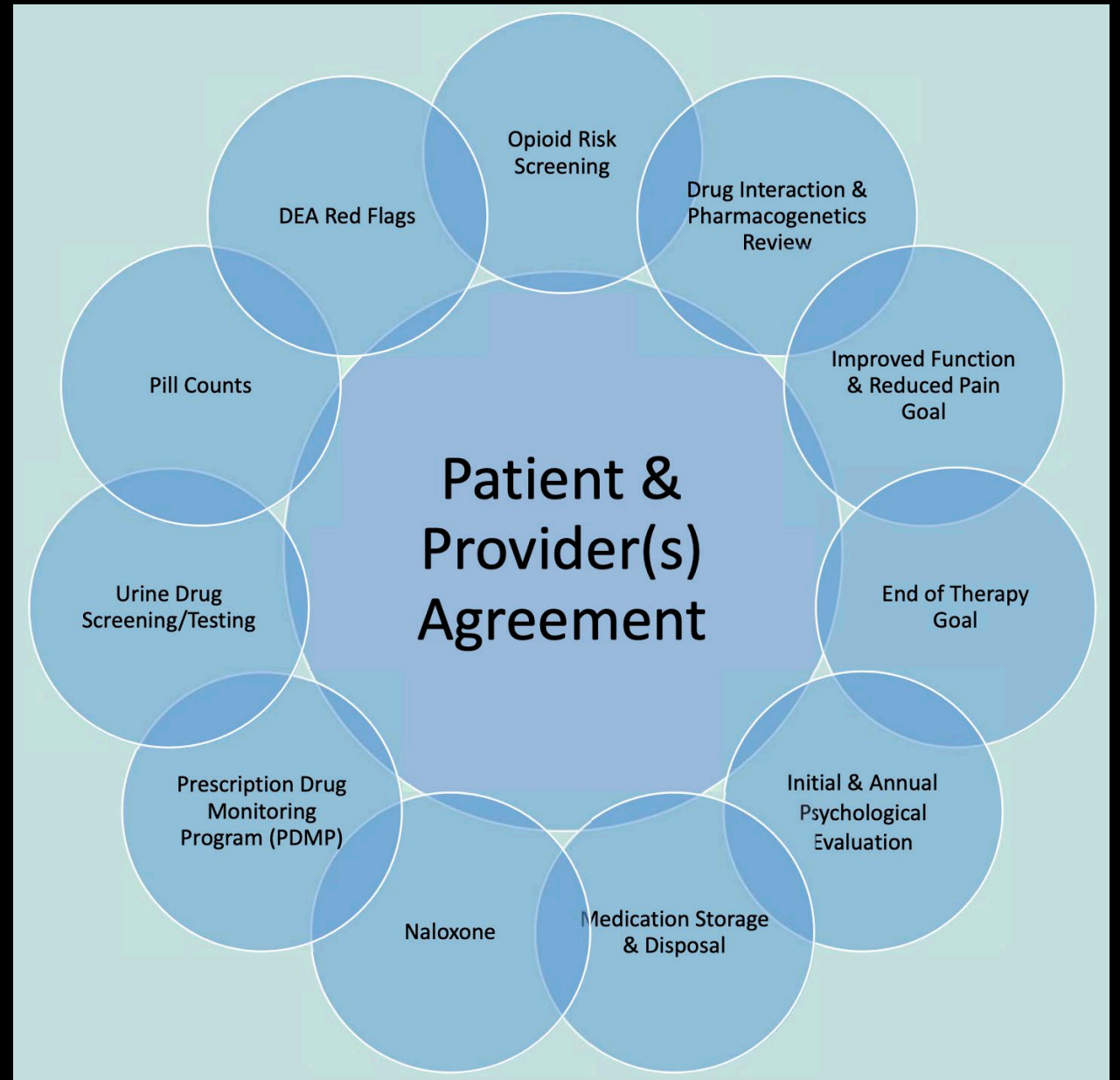


BioPsychoSocial Model of Pain

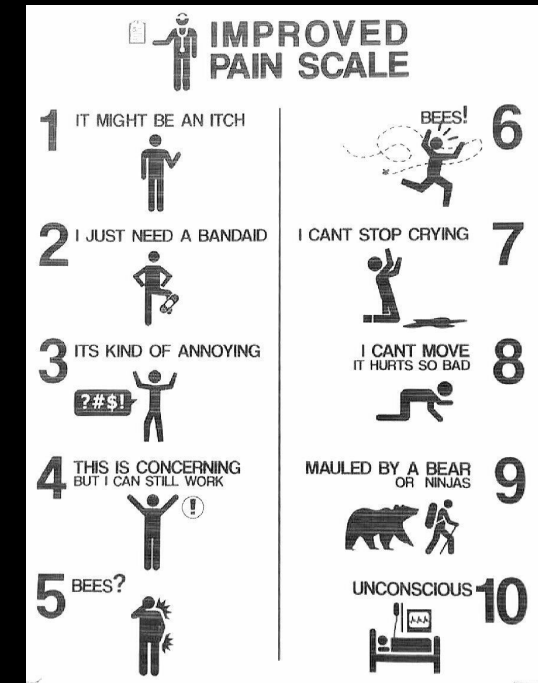
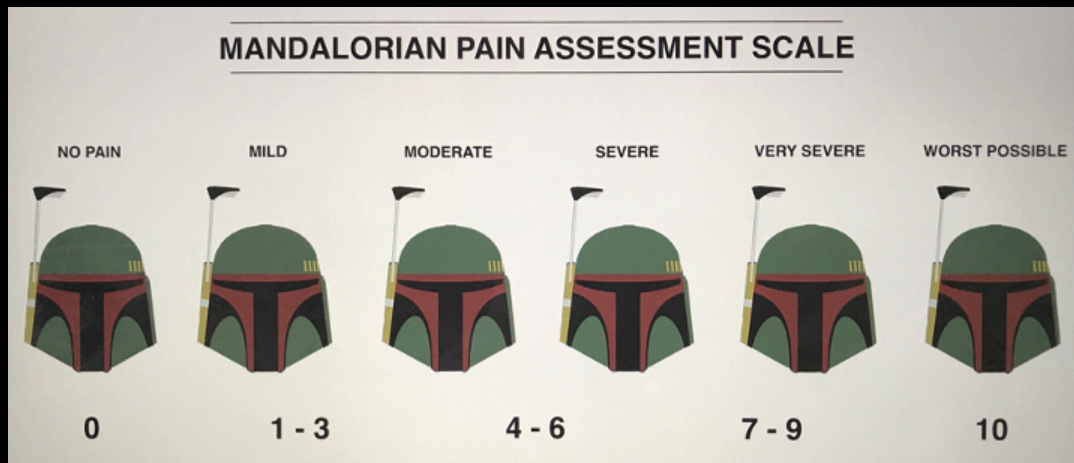


Risk Reduction Strategy

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Pain(ful) Scale Utilization



Hospital Emergency Room
(Comedy)



Favorite 1 to 10 Pain Scale Responses

20

Yes

13

2

8.5

3.14

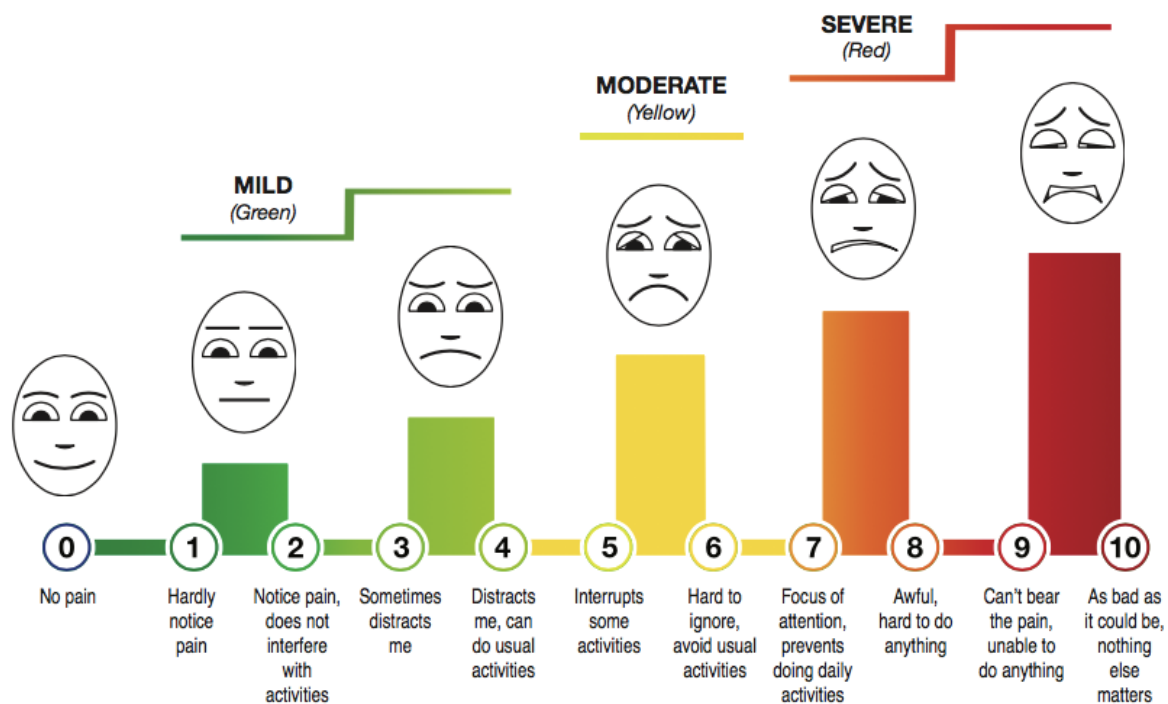


Pain Scales

DVPRS



Defense and Veterans Pain Rating Scale



For clinicians to evaluate the biopsychosocial impact of pain



Enter the number that describes how, during the past 24 hours, pain has contributed to your **STRESS**:

Pain Management Treatment Tool Box

Non-Pharmacological Options

Active

Cardio/Resistance Exercise
Aquatic Exercise
Walking Aids
Yoga
Tai Chi
Qigong
Meditation
Hypnosis
Relaxation
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
Acceptance & Commitment Therapy
Biofeedback
Graded Motor Imagery
Occupational/Physical Therapy

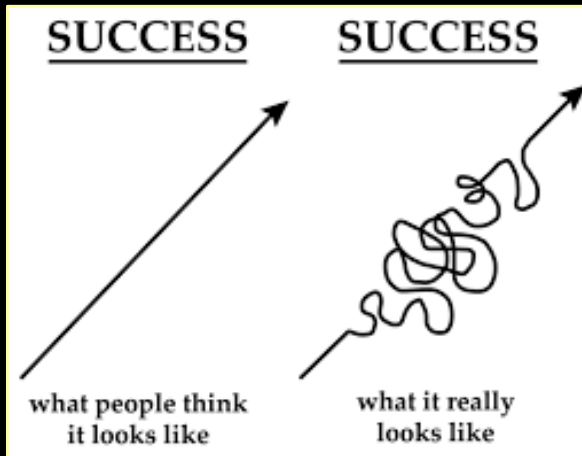
Passive

Nutrition
Heat or Cold
TENS/EMS Devices
Hyperbaric Oxygen
Spinal Manipulation (Chiropractor)
Massage
Ultrasound
Paraffin Wax
Infrared Light
Spinal Traction
Acupuncture



Pain Treatments

Pharm

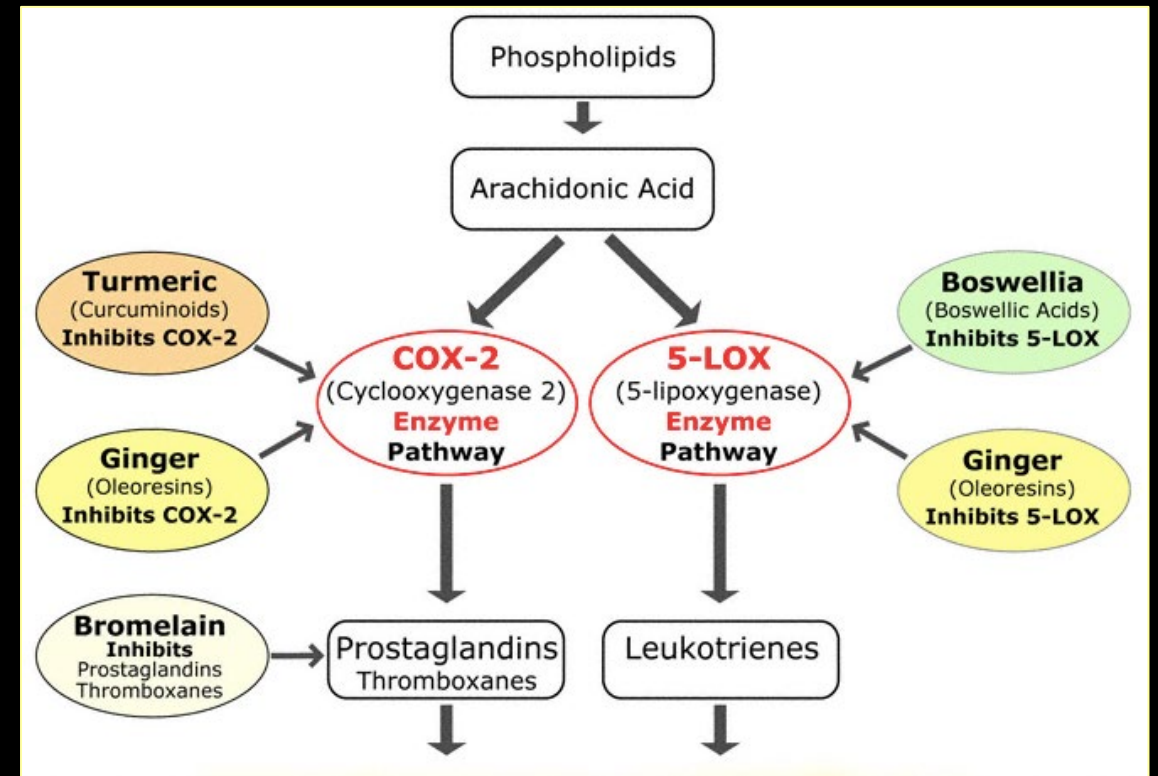


Non-Pharm

Herbals & Supplements

Anti-inflammatory Properties

- Birch & Wintergreen (Methyl Salicylate)
- White Willow Bark (Salicin)
- Peppermint (Menthol)
- Aquamin
- Boswellia (Frankincense Extracted from)
- Wild, Sweet, Winter, & Sour Cherries
- Ginger
- Ginseng (American, Panax/Asian, or Siberian)
- Kava Kava
- Valerian Root
- St. John's Wort
- Devil's Claw
- Vitamin B & Vitamin D



Caution: Drug Interactions

Acetaminophen (APAP)

- para-acetylaminophenol (acetaminophen)
- para-Acetyl-P-AminoPhenol (APAP)
- para-acetyl-p-aminophenol (Tylenol®)
- para-acetylaminophenol (paracetamol)

Mechanism of Action

~Inhibits PG Synthesis in *CNS* (Antipyretic/Analgesic)

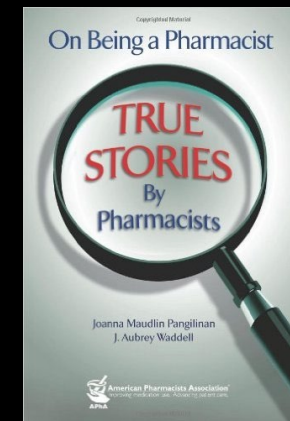
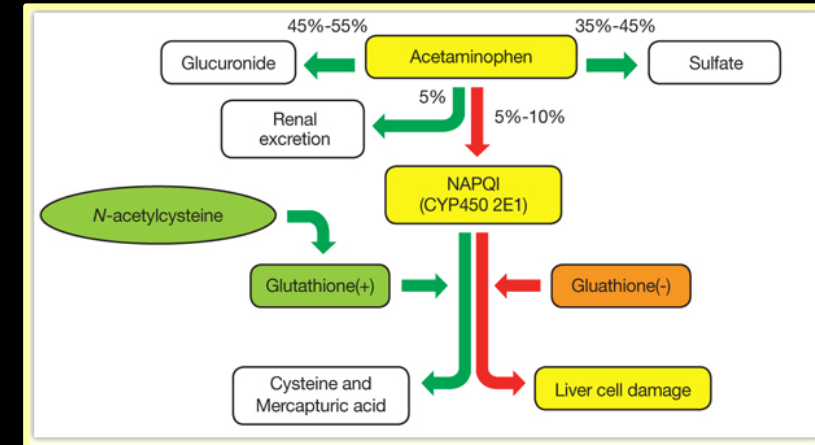
~Inhibits COX-3 Enzyme (Not COX-1 or COX-2, thus no anti-inflammatory effects)

Toxic Metabolite: N-Acetyl-P-Benzo-Quinone-Iminine (NAPQI)

– >50K ER Visits Every Year from APAP Overdose (Accidental > Intentional)

*Other Metabolite: N-Arachidonoylaminophenol

– Endogenous Cannabinoid Reuptake Inhibitor (ECRI)



Geriatric Care Resources

- Geriatric Medication App
 - IGeriatrics
- Geriatric Books & Textbooks
 - <http://www.ccgp.org/content/geriatric-books-and-textbooks>
- Geriatric Journals
 - <http://www.ccgp.org/content/geriatric-journals>
- American Geriatric Society
 - <http://www.americangeriatrics.org>
- Silver Book
 - <http://www.silverbook.org>



Painful Paperwork

- Living Wills
 - Advanced Directives for healthcare, life sustainment, treatment, etc.
- Power of Attorney
 - Invalid if patient becomes incompetent
- Durable Power of Attorney
 - Valid if patient becomes incompetent
- Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare Decisions
 - Valid if patient becomes incapacitated
- DNR Orders
 - Do No Resuscitate Orders, made by patient while competent
 - Made by Family/Practitioner if not competent

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Nortriptyline has the least amount of concerning side effects (e.g., sedation, etc.)

Audience Question #2

Which of the following NSAIDs is the most appropriate chronic pain management medication for a 75yo male patient?

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- b) ibuprofen
- c) meloxicam
- d) naproxen

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- c) meloxicam
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Celecoxib is the most “COX-2 Selective” NSAID listed,
thus relatively safest on GI system

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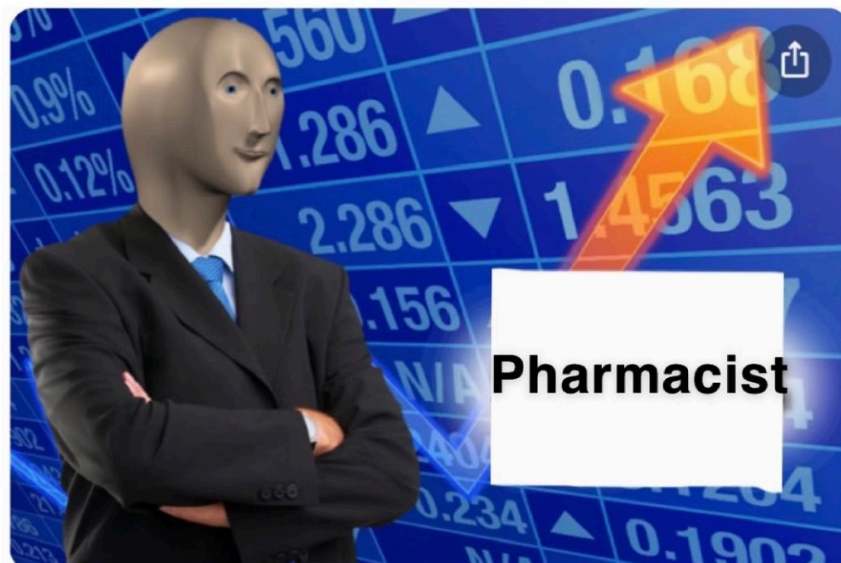
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GI Protection

Discussion

LinkedIn: Mark Garofoli

When a family member has a headache and I tell them to take paracetamol



Do you see the minnow fin?



Yes,

