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Monday April 29, 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

Navigating Challenges in Aging

6 CREDITS for Social Workers, Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Case Managers, OTAs, PTAs

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AGENDA

8:00 am – Light Breakfast, Visit Vendors

8:30 am – ***Medication Management: One Too Many Prescriptions***

10:00 am – Break, Networking, Visit Vendors

10:30 am – ***Partnering with Families of Hospitalized Persons with Dementia: Lessons Learned***

Noon – Lunch

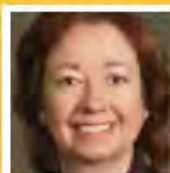
12:45 pm – ***CAPABLE: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Aging in Place***

2:15 pm – ***Structural Insights into the Neuropathology of Frontotemporal Dementia and ALS***

3:45 pm – Raffle Drawings, Closing



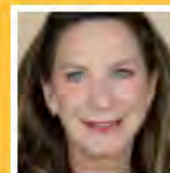
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**Medication Management:
One Too Many Prescriptions**

8:30 AM



Candice Garwood, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS, BCACP, Clinical Professor College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Wayne State University

Polypharmacy in geriatric patients refers to the concurrent use of multiple medications by these individuals. This is a common concern as it can lead to various issues such as increased risk of adverse drug reactions, drug interactions, and medication non-adherence. It is important for healthcare providers to regularly review the medication regimen of older adults to ensure the appropriate and safe use of medications.

Objectives:

- Discuss polypharmacy in geriatric patients.
- Develop strategies to reconcile medication therapies and minimize adverse drug events.
- Identify and list resources to optimize patient safety and medication use.

**Partnering with Families of Hospitalized Persons
with Dementia: Lessons Learned**

10:30 AM



Marie Boltz, PhD, GNP-BC, FGSA, FAAN, Eberly Endowed Professor, College of Nursing, Pennsylvania State University

Partnering with families of hospitalized persons with dementia is crucial for providing comprehensive and person-centered care. Through our experience, we have learned that open communication, education, and involving families in decision-making can greatly improve the well-being of the patient and enhance their overall hospital experience.

Objectives

- Discuss the critical role of family in the life of the person living with dementia.
- Describe challenges and rewards for family carers.
- Describe the state of the science related to interventions for family carers of persons living with dementia.
- Discuss the family carers' relationship with the health care system, including acute care.
- Discuss emerging issues in research, practice, and policy affecting the family living with dementia.

**CAPABLE: An Interdisciplinary Approach
to Aging in Place**

12:45 PM



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Amanda Goodenow, MS, OTR/L, Strategic Partnership Coordinator, and **Tricia Ford**, BA, VP of Operations, CAPABLE National Center, CO

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Objectives:

- Describe the evidence that supports CAPABLE.
- Describe the program components and the team.
- Describe how CAPABLE addresses equity and promotes self-efficacy.

**Structural Insights into the Neuropathology
of Frontotemporal Dementia & ALS**

2:15 PM



Sami Barmada, MD, PhD – Welch Research Professor and Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Michigan; Director of Michigan Brain Bank

Studies have shown that in frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), there is a common pattern of cortical atrophy, particularly in the frontal and temporal lobes. Imaging techniques have detected abnormal protein aggregates in specific brain regions, further linking the structural changes to the neuropathology of these diseases. Understanding the structural aspects of FTD and ALS provides insights into their pathogenesis and has potential to guide the development of targeted therapies.

Objectives

- To describe the unique neuropathology of frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and the clues this provides to disease pathogenesis.
- To illustrate how this pathology can be recapitulated in a laboratory environment, and what this tells us about the origins of disease.
- Clarify mechanisms contributing to FTD/ALS, and new approaches to blocking neurodegeneration.





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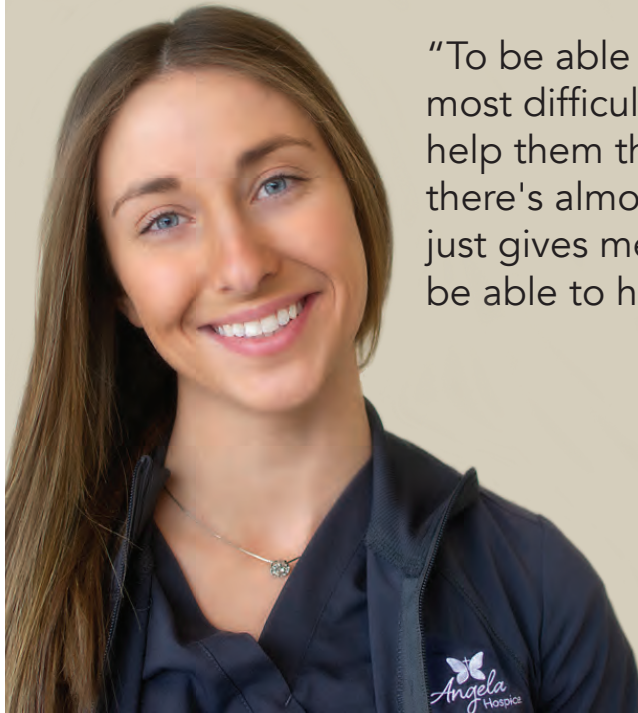
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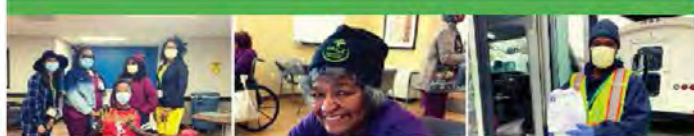
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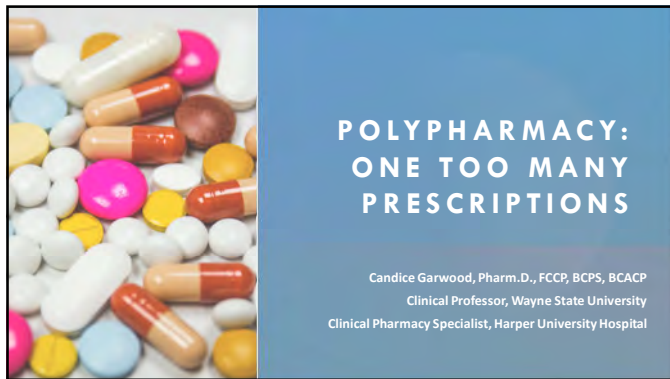
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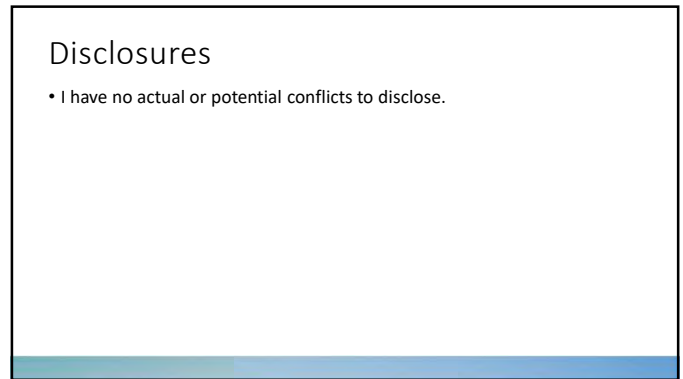
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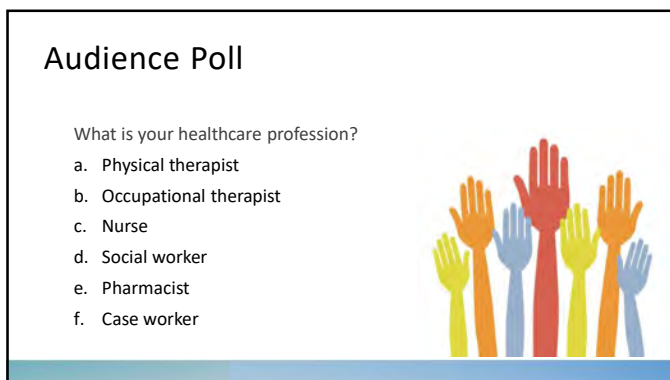




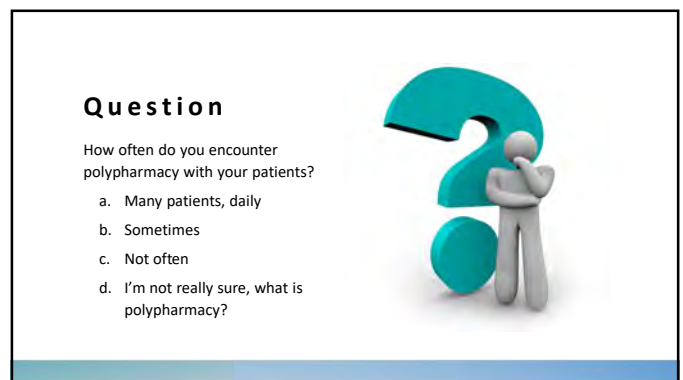
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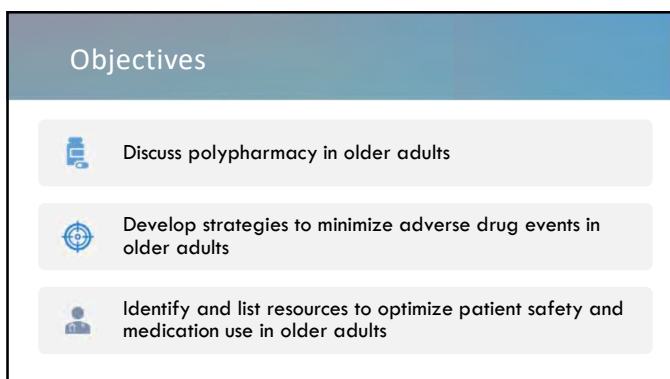
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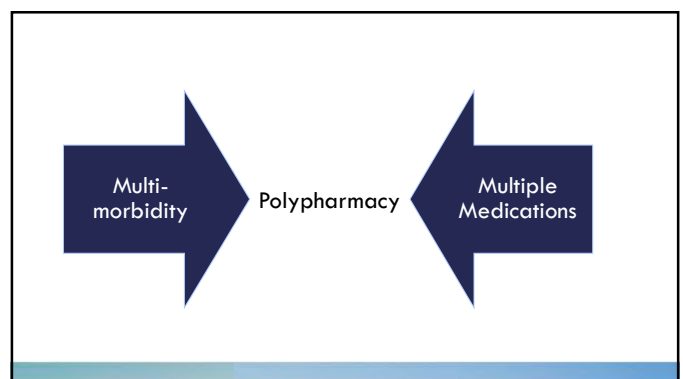
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Polypharmacy is Prevalent

Approximately 36% of people over age 65 take ≥ 5 prescription medications.


Nearly 50% of nursing home residents take ≥ 5 medications, and 24% use ≥ 10 medications.



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Polypharmacy

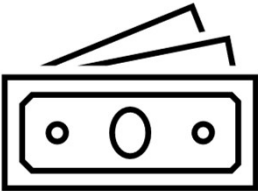


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Polypharmacy is Costly

- An estimated **\$8.7 billion** could be avoided by appropriate polypharmacy management.



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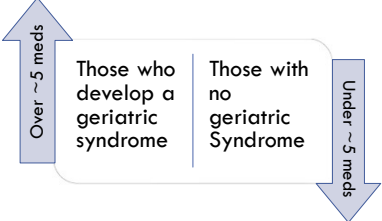
Polypharmacy Defined

- World Health Organization
 - "The concurrent use of multiple medications"
- Multiple definitions exist
 - Number; number + healthcare setting; descriptive
- Most common definition
 - ≥ 5 concurrent medications daily

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Medication Safety in Polypharmacy. Technical Report. World Health Organization, 2019.

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Polypharmacy Defined as ≥ 5 Meds?




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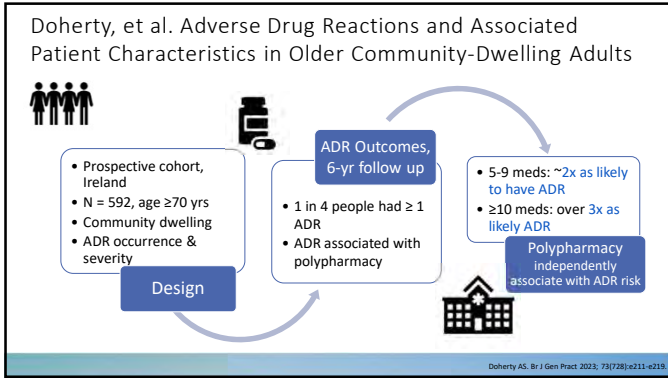
Hyper-polypharmacy

≥ 10 concurrent medications

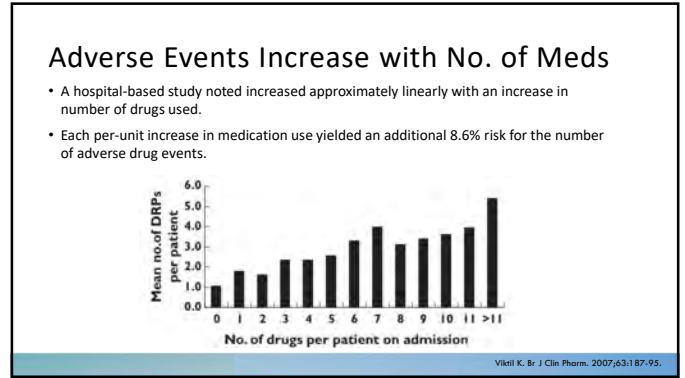


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Polypharmacy: Redefined

Use of multiple drugs or more than are medically necessary

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Terminology Shift

Appropriate Polypharmacy vs. Inappropriate Polypharmacy

Vikell. Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2007;63(2):187-95.

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Inappropriate Polypharmacy

- Nearly 50% of older adults take one or more medications that are not medically necessary.
- Increases risk of adverse reactions.
 - Patients taking 5-9 medications have >50% chance of adverse reaction
 - Patients taking ≥20 medications have 100% chance of adverse reaction

US Pharmacist. 2017;42(6):13-14.

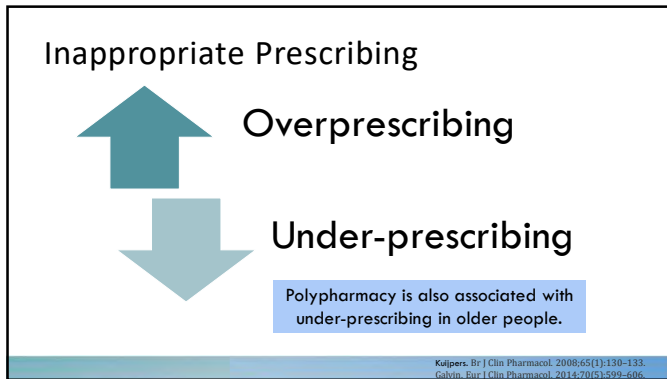
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Appropriate Polypharmacy

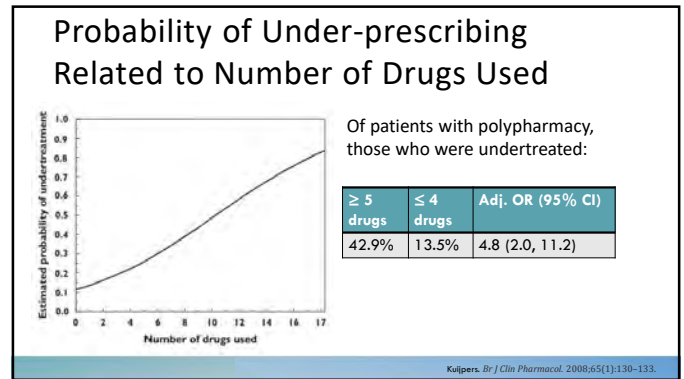
- At times, many drugs may be clinically appropriate

Indication	Medication	Number
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Evaluating Polypharmacy

- Number of medications – a starting point
- Assess medications by indication, efficacy, potential for harm
- Combination = risk vs. benefits



More robust methods for evaluating influence of polypharmacy are needed

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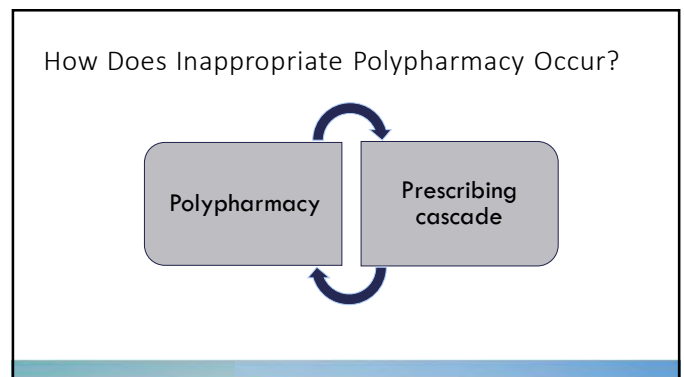
The following are potential impacts of polypharmacy EXCEPT:

- Reduced mortality
- Adverse drug events
- Increased healthcare costs
- Medication non-adherence

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Prescribing Cascade

A new medicine is prescribed to “treat” and adverse reaction caused by another medicine.

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From: Deprescribing, Polypharmacy and Prescribing Cascades in Older People with Type 2 Diabetes: A Focused Review

Diagrammatic example of a prescribing cascade.

Hickman. J Indian Inst Sci. 2023;103:191-204.

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Managing prescribing cascades

- 1) Identify a prescribing cascade
- 2) Deprescribe medications

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Evaluation of the Prescribing Cascade

Defining Prescribing Cascade	Score
Existence of ADR, either expected or unknown	
Doubtful	0
Yes	1
Yes, but misunderstood	2
Action followed against the ADR	
Treatment discontinuation	0
Continued with dose reduction	1
Continued unchanged or with another drug of the same group	2
Existence of a second drug treatment for the ADR	
No	0
Yes	1
Overall result of this new treatment	
Patient improves	0
Patient worsens or unchanged	1
New ADR appears	2
New ADR requires a third drug treatment	3

Sum of ≥ 4 associated with prescribing cascade

Ponte ML. Medicina (B Aires). 2017;77:13-16.

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ThinkCascades Tool

Drug A	Side effect	Drug B
Cardiovascular System (n=2)		
Calcium Channel Blocker	Peripheral edema	Diuretic
Diuretic	Urinary incontinence	Overactive bladder medication
Central Nervous System (n=4)		
Antipsychotic	Extrapyramidal symptoms	Antiparkinsonian agent
Benzodiazepine	Cognitive impairment	Cholinesterase Inhibitor or memantine
Benzodiazepine	Paradoxical agitation or agitation secondary to withdrawal	Antipsychotic
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI) / Serotonin-norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI)	Insomnia	Sleep agent (e.g., Benzodiazepines, Benzodiazepine Receptor Agonists, Sedating antidepressant, Melatonin)
Musculoskeletal System (n=1)		
NSAID	Hypertension	Antihypertensive
Urogenital System (n=2)		
Urinary Anticholinergics	Cognitive impairment	Cholinesterase inhibitor or memantine
Alpha-1 Receptor Blocker	Orthostatic hypotension, dizziness	Vestibular sedative (e.g., betahistine, Antihistamines, Benzodiazepines)

McCarthy. Drugs & Aging (2022) 39:829–840.

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Patient Case

A 71-year-old, woman with HTN, type 2 diabetes, depression, osteoarthritis and Meniere’s disease presented to the ER following a fall.

- **4 months prior:** Her family physician prescribed clonidine 0.1 mg BID for her blood pressure.
- **3 weeks later:** Her psychiatrist prescribed sertraline 50 mg daily for worsening depression. Simultaneously the patient began using her melizine 25 mg TID for increased dizziness attributed to Meniere’s disease.
- **3 more weeks passed:** She was prescribed a hypnotic, zolpidem 5 mg at bedtime for insomnia.
- **1 month later:** She lost her balance in the bathroom, fell, hit her head against the bathtub, leading her to present to the emergency department.

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Medications

Drug	Indication
Metformin 1000 mg BID	diabetes
Lisinopril 40 mg daily	Blood pressure
Hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg daily	Blood pressure
Clonidine 0.1 mg BID	Blood pressure
Sertraline 50 mg daily	Depression
Zolpidem 5 mg every night	Sleep
Meclizine 25 mg TID as needed	Dizziness related to Meniere's
Tramadol 50 mg BID	Arthritis pain
Aspirin 81 mg daily	Stroke prevention

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Activity

Think-Share-Pair:

Using tools we have discussed,
identify a prescribing cascade



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Avoiding Inappropriate Polypharmacy – Key Tips

- Avoid “A pill for every ill”
 - Consider non-pharmacologic approaches
- When prescribing, “start low and go slow”
- Optimize the dose of one drug before adding another
- Avoid starting two medications at the same time
- Thoroughly review medications regularly
 - Carry an updated medication list
- Eliminate duplicate medications, medications without therapeutic benefit, and those at high risk of harm

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Potentially Inappropriate Medications (PIMs)



- More than 50% of older adults in the US report taking a drug deemed potentially inappropriate

Maheo. Expert Opin Drug Saf. 2014;13:57-65.

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SPECIAL ARTICLES

American Geriatrics Society

American Geriatrics Society 2023 updated AGS Beers Criteria® for potentially inappropriate medication use in older adults

- **What:** List of potentially inappropriate medications for use in older adults
- **Purpose:** to identify medication for which potential harm outweighs the expected benefit.
- **Admin Time:** Operator dependent - 5 mins for an expert, up to 20-30 mins
- **Target:** Practicing clinicians, pharmacists, regulators
- **Intent:** 1) improve patient safety; 2) Serve as a tool to evaluate drug use and quality of care.

J Am Geriatr Soc. 2023; 71:2052-81.

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Beer's is Composed of 5 Criteria

1. Potentially Inappropriate Medications (PIM) list
2. PIMs due to Drug – Disease/Syndrome Interaction
3. Medications to be used with caution
4. Potentially Clinically Important Drug–Drug Interactions
5. Medications that should be avoided or have dosage reduced with varying levels of kidney function

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Beer's Criteria Utilized by:


-  Practicing Clinicians
-  Healthcare consumers
-  Researchers
-  Pharmacy benefits managers
-  Regulators
-  Policy makers

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What is Not Included in Beer's Criteria?

- Drugs with risks not unique to elderly
- Not intended to be used for people in hospice or end of life
- Drugs considered to be low-usage



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BEER'S CRITERIA HIGHLIGHTS

A more detailed pocket guide can be found at: [AGS-2023-BEERS-POCKET-PRINTABLE.PDF](https://www.ags-2023-beers-pocket-printable.pdf) (USC.EDU)

Note: The recommendations listed are a selection of recommendations from the 2023 criteria and are not an exhaustive list. These medications are commonly prescribed to older adults, or are medications whose harms are of greatest concern.

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Potentially Inappropriate Medications

Drug	Recommendation
Antihistamines (First Generation) Ex: diphenhydramine/Benadryl	Avoid. Highly anticholinergic.
Cardiovascular Drugs	
Aspirin - primary CV disease prevention	Avoid initiating for primary prevention of cardiovascular disease. <i>Consider deprescribing.</i>
Warfarin for Afib or VTE	Avoid as initial therapy for Afib or VTE unless alternative options are contraindicated/substantial barriers to their use
Rivaroxaban for Afib or VTE	Avoid as treatment over other anticoagulants for Afib or VTE
Alpha-1 blockers Ex: doxazosin, prazosin, terazosin	Avoid as treatment for hypertension
Central alpha-2 blockers Ex: clonidine	Avoid as first line or routine treatment for hypertension
Nifedipine immediate-release	Avoid as treatment for hypertension

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Potentially Inappropriate Medications

Drug	Recommendation
Cardiovascular drugs	
Amiodarone	Avoid as first-line unless patient has heart failure
Dronedarone	Avoid in patients with Afib and heart failure
Digoxin	Avoid for rate control in Afib or for heart failure
Central nervous system	
Antidepressants with strong anticholinergic effects Ex: Tricyclics and paroxetine	Avoid and instead use antidepressants with lower anticholinergic burden.
Antipsychotics (conventional or atypical)	Avoid except in FDA labelled indications such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, Parkinson's psychosis. Increase CVA risk; cognitive decline and mortality in dementia.
Benzodiazepines and non-benzo hypnotics (aka "Z-drugs")	Avoid due to cognitive effects and injury; avoid in combo with opioids.

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Potentially Inappropriate Medications

Drug	Recommendation
Endocrine drugs	
Androgens	Avoid unless confirmed hypogonadism
Estrogens	Do not initiate systemic estrogens. Consider deprescribing. Vaginal cream or tablets acceptable for vaginal symptoms.
Insulin sliding scale	Avoid regimens that include only short acting insulin dosed according to current blood glucose readings without a concurrent basal insulin.
Sulfonylureas Ex: glyburide, glipizide, glimepiride	Avoid as first or second line therapy unless there is substantial barrier to use of safer agents.
Megestrol	Avoid. Has minimal effect on weight, increase thrombosis

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Potentially Inappropriate Medications

Drug	Recommendation
Gastrointestinal drugs	
Proton pump inhibitors	Avoid as scheduled use for > 8 weeks unless high-risk (eg Barrett's esophagitis, pathologic hypersecretory states). Risk of pneumonia, GI malignancy, <i>C. difficile</i> , bone loss, fractures.
Metoclopramide	Avoid unless for gastroparesis with duration less than 12 weeks
GI antispasmodics	Avoid due to high anticholinergic effects
Mineral oil used daily	Avoid due to aspiration risk and safer alternatives
Pain medication	
NSAIDs Ex: ibuprofen, naproxen, etc.	Avoid chronic use unless other alternatives not effective. Avoid short term combination with antiplatelet, anticoagulants, steroids.
Indomethacin	Avoid due to increase GI bleed and potential kidney injury
Skeletal muscle relaxants	Avoid due to anticholinergic effects. This criterion does not apply to agents used for spasticity – baclofen and tizanidine.

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What adverse outcomes support the 2023 Beers Criteria rationale to avoid the use of proton pump inhibitors in older adults?

- Clostridioides difficile* infection
- GI malignancy
- Bone loss and fracture
- Pneumonia
- All of the above

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RESEARCH PAPER

STOPP/START criteria for potentially inappropriate prescribing in older people: version 3

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Purpose: Decision aid for supporting medication review. Reducing medication burden (STOPP) and adding in potentially beneficial therapy (START)

Admin time: Highly operator dependent - 5 mins for an expert, up to 20-30 mins

User Friendly: Moderate

Administered by: GP, Physician, Community Pharmacist

Criteria: total of 190 criteria (version 3)

- 133 STOPP criteria
- 57 START criteria

O'Mahony D. European Geriatric Medicine (2023) 14:625-32

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STOPP/START Criteria Version 3

The latest version of the START/STOPP tool can be found at:

https://static-content.springer.com/esm/art%3A10.1007%2F978-94-007-77-0077-7/v/MediaObjects/41999_2023_777_MOESM1_ESM.pdf

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STOPP: Screening Tool of Older Peoples potentially inappropriate Prescriptions - Example

Cardiovascular system	
Digoxin	Long-term use >125 µg/day in patients with renal dysfunction
Loop diuretic	For dependent ankle edema only (no signs of heart failure); compression hosiery usually more appropriate
Thiazide diuretic	With history of gout (may exacerbate gout)
Noncardioselective β-blocker	With COPD (risk for increased bronchospasm)
Diltiazem or verapamil	With NYHA class III or IV heart failure (may worsen heart failure)
Calcium channel blocker	With chronic constipation (may exacerbate constipation)
Warfarin	For first uncomplicated DVT >6 months For first uncomplicated pulmonary embolus >12 months (no proven benefit)
Central nervous system and psychotropic drugs	
TCA	With dementia (risk for worsening cognitive impairment)
SSRIs	With hyponatremia
Gastrointestinal system	
PPIs	For peptic ulcer disease at full therapeutic doses for >8 weeks
NSAIDs	With moderate to severe hypertension or heart failure

COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; DVT: deep venous thrombosis; NYHA, New York Heart Association; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; SSRI, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor; TCA, tricyclic antidepressant; Warfarin: Coumadin®; β, beta; COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; DVT, Deep Vein Thrombosis; NYHA, New York Heart Association; PPI, Proton Pump Inhibitor; SSRI, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor; TCA, Tricyclic Antidepressant; Warfarin: Coumadin®.

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START: Screening Tool to Alert to Right Treatment - Example

Medication	Recommendation
Warfarin	In chronic atrial fibrillation
Aspirin	In chronic atrial fibrillation when warfarin is contraindicated
Antihypertensive therapy	Systolic blood pressure consistently >160 mm Hg
Statin	History of coronary, cerebral, or peripheral vascular disease, when patient is functionally independent for activities of daily living and life expectancy >5 years
ACEI	With chronic heart failure Following acute myocardial infarction
β-Blocker	With chronic stable angina
Bisphosphonate	With maintenance corticosteroid therapy
Calcium and vitamin D	Osteoporosis (fragility fracture, acquired dorsal kyphosis)
Antiplatelet agent	In diabetes mellitus with major cardiovascular risk factors (hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, smoking history)

ACEI, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; START, Screening Tool to Alert Doctors to Right Treatment.
Adapted from Callaghan P, et al. *Am J Clin Pharmacol Ther*. 2008;46(3):12-13.

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Beer's and STOPP Criteria Predict Adverse Drug Events

- 174,275 insured people ≥65 yrs in US
- Retrospective cohort evaluated with use of Beer's Criteria and STOPP criteria to identify PIM exposure.
- ICD 9 codes evaluated for:
 - Adverse drug events
 - All-cause ED visits
 - All-cause hospitalizations

Beer's and STOPP were modestly prognostic for:

- Adverse Drug Events
- ED Visits
- Hospitalizations

STOPP slightly outperformed Beer's in predictability. Criteria can be used in complimentary fashion to enhance sensitivity.

Brown JD. *J Am Geriatr Soc*. 2016;64(1):22-30.

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Patient Case

A 67-year-old, woman presents to the primary care clinic with a racing heart and shortness of breath. She also has HTN, Type 2 diabetes and osteoarthritis. Her blood pressure is elevated at 145/78 mmHg, heart rate is 110 bpm. An EKG in office identifies atrial fibrillation. Her current medications include:

Drug	Indication
Metformin 500 mg BID	Diabetes
Glipizide 10 mg BID	Diabetes
Ibuprofen 400 mg BID	Arthritis pain
Aspirin 81 mg daily	CV risk prevention
Amlodipine 10 mg daily	Blood pressure

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Based on the Beer's Criteria, are there any medications that should be discontinued/deprescribed?

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Combining Info from the Beer's Criteria and the STOPP/START Criteria, what is the best anticoagulant therapy for this patient?

- Warfarin (Coumadin®)
- Apixaban (Eliquis®)
- Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®)
- Aspirin

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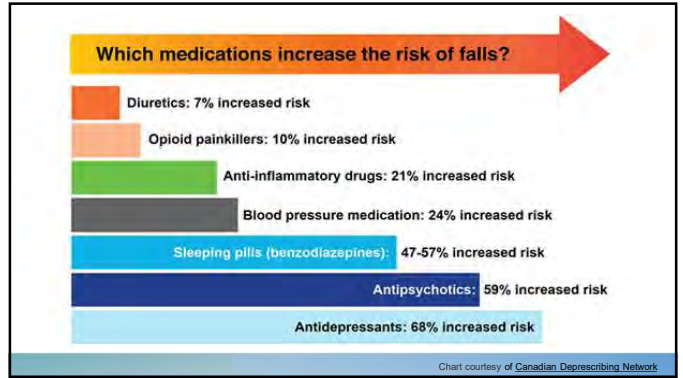
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Polypharmacy

- Mortality
- Falls
- Adverse Drug Events
- Increase Length of Stay
- Hospital Readmission
- Medication Non-adherence

Masnoon. BMC Geriatrics (2017) 17:230

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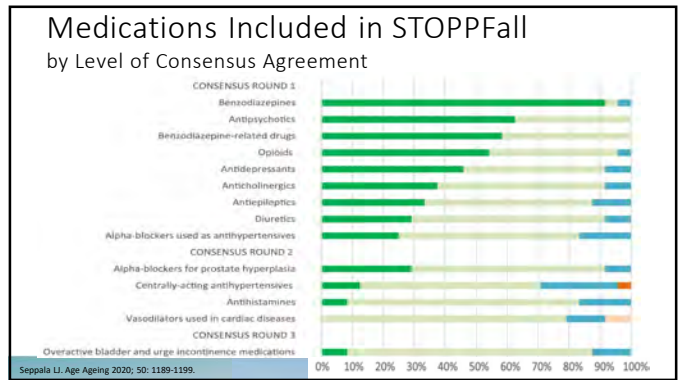
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STOPPFall

- The STOPPFall is formally part of the STOPP/START series and the results were incorporated into STOPP/START version 3.
- A screening tool to identify and facilitate the deprescribing of drug known to increase fall risk.
 - The STOPPFall has been combined with a practical deprescribing tool designed to assist in clinical decision-making.
- Decision tool found at:
 - kik.amc.nl/falls/decision-tree/

Seppala LJ. Age Ageing 2020; 50: 1189-1199.

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STOPPFall Deprescribing Tool

Choose a medication class to see the decision advice for withdrawing the medication among fallers

- Benzodiazepines
- Antidepressants
- Antipsychotics
- Opioids
- Antiepileptics
- Diuretics
- Centrally-acting antihypertensives
- Vasodilators used in cardiac diseases
- Alpha-blocker antihypertensives
- Alpha-blockers for benign prostatic hyperplasia
- Sedative antihistamines
- Medications for overactive bladder and urge incontinence

kik.amc.nl/falls/decision-tree/

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Choose a medication class to see the decision advice for withdrawing the medication among fallers

Benzodiazepines

Advice:
 Stop the BZD in a stepwise manner: e.g., approximately 25% every two weeks, near the end 12.5%. After withdrawal or dose reduction monitor for change in symptoms e.g., dizziness, and sedation, fall incidents and anxiety, insomnia, and agitation.
 Also, consider monitoring: delirium, seizures, confusion.
 Organize follow-ups based on an individual basis e.g., based on occurrence of withdrawal symptoms.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

STEADI—Older Adult Fall Prevention

STEADI Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries

- CDC's STEADI initiative - resources to integrate fall prevention into routine clinical practice.

<https://www.cdc.gov/steadi/index.html>

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STEADI-Rx

How STEADI-Rx works:

1. Screen patient for fall risk at the pharmacy.
2. Perform a medication review.
3. Share information with the patient and provider.
4. Provider responds to shared information.

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STEADI-Rx: Community Pharmacy Algorithm for Fall Risk Screening, Assessment, and Care Coordination

The flowchart outlines three main steps: 1. SCREEN for fall risk, 2. ASSESS current medication and behavior, and 3. COORDINATE CARE with primary care or provider. It includes decision points for 'SCREENED NOT AT RISK' and 'SCREENED AT RISK' with specific actions for each.

<https://www.cdc.gov/steadi/index.html>

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Medication Fall Risk Checklist

Patients: _____ Date: _____

Fall Risk Factor(s) Identified

FALL HISTORY	PRESENT?	NOTES
Any falls in the last year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Women abuse falling?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Falls suddenly when standing or walking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
POSTURAL HYPOTENSION		
Patient-reported symptoms of lightheadedness or dizziness from lying to standing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
MEDICATION CLASSES WITH FALL RISK	MEDICATION(S)	
Anticoagulants		
Antidepressants		
Anticholinergics		
Antihypertensives		
Antibiotics		
Antipsychotics		
Antitumorics		
Cardiovascular		
Chemotherapy		
Diuretics		
Insulin		
Medication changes		
Other (eg, OTC agents)		

<https://www.cdc.gov/steadi/index.html>

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Patient Case

Mr. Parker is an 85-year-old African American man. He is generally well but complains of back pain, recent gout attacks, and insomnia related to pain. He takes the city bus to the pharmacy to pick up his medications. He experience a fall when getting off the bus yesterday.

Blood pressure: 150/70, HR 80; denies symptoms of dizziness

Medications (upon medication review)

Drug	Indication
Lisinopril 40 mg daily	Blood pressure
Indomethacin 50 mg three times daily	Gout
Tylenol #3 with codeine three times daily as needed	Foot pain
Gabapentin 300mg three times daily	Back pain
Tylenol PM 1 tablet at night	Sleep

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Audience Activity

Use the Medication Fall Checklist to evaluate and identify medications placing Mr. Parker at risk for adverse drug events, especially for falls.

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Deprescribing

A systematic process of identifying and discontinuing medications based on an assessment that the risks of a given medication may outweigh the benefits.


Deprescribing is **NOT** denying medication that will provide benefit.



Reeve E. Br J Clin Pharm.2015;80:1254-68

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Deprescribing Goals







- Decreasing pill burden
- Increase quality of life
- Reduction in falls
- Improve cognition

Mehta RS. Nature Aging. 2021;1:347-56.

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Evidence Supporting Deprescribing


-  Reduced costs
-  Reduced number of medications
-  Reduced mortality (data more scant)

 Deprescribing is feasible in clinical practice.

Mehta RS. Nature Aging. 2021;1:347-56.

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Potter, et al. Deprescribing in Frail Older People: A Randomized Controlled Trial



• Residential facility living
• N = 95 randomized to:

- Intervention: planned deprescribing of non-beneficial meds n=47
- vs.
- Usual Care n=48


Design

12-month follow up

- **Primary outcome:** Change in # medications
- **Secondary outcome:** Survival

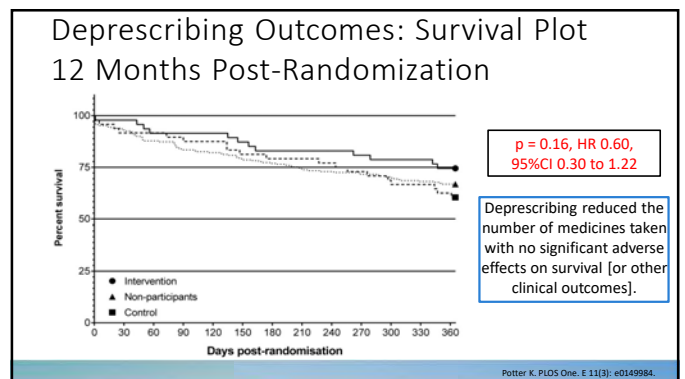
• Mean Δ in # meds:
-1.9 \pm 1.4 intervention
v. +0.1 \pm 3.5 control

Difference 2.0 \pm 0.9
95% CI 0.8-3.8; p=0.04



Potter K. PLOS One. E 11(3): e0149984.

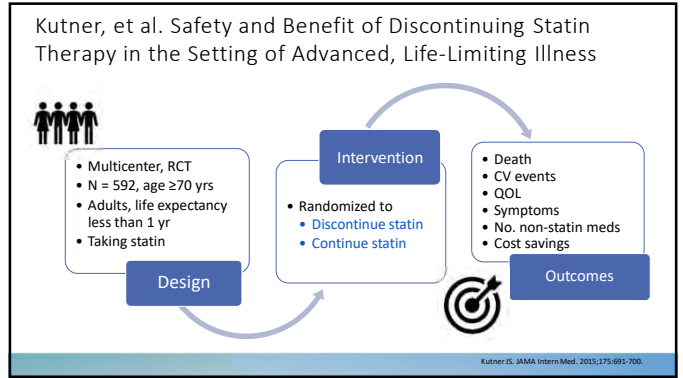
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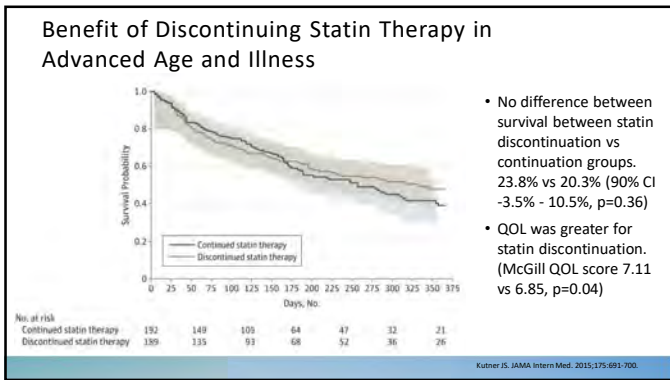
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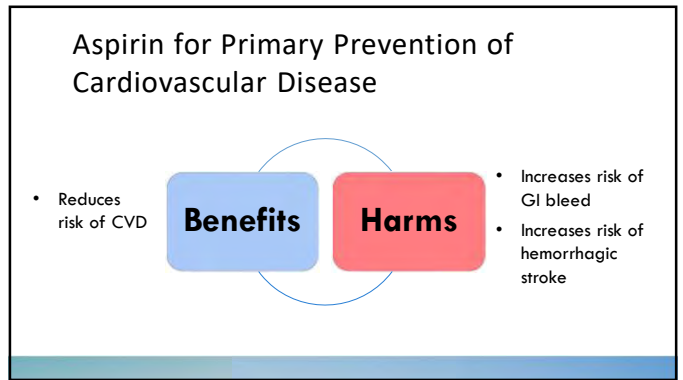
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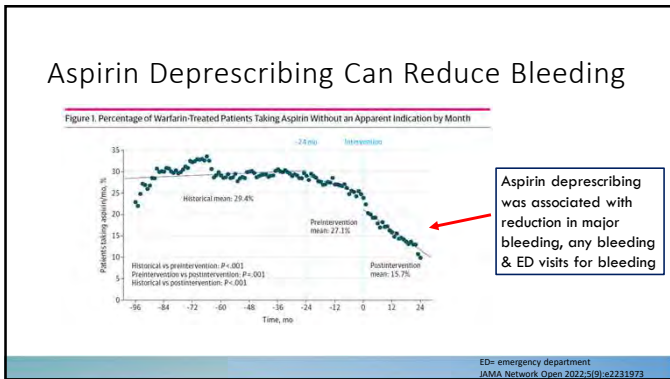
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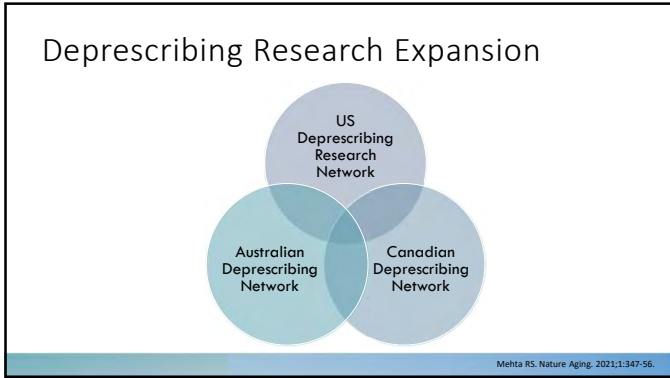
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- ### Challenges of Deprescribing
- Communication gaps & misunderstandings
 - Patient reluctance/fear of stopping
 - Coordination among clinicians
 - Dosage tapering
 - Withdrawal symptoms
 - Conveying stop orders to pharmacies
 -And more!
- Assistance in deprescribing:**
- <https://deprescribing.org/resources/>
 - <https://www.deprescribingnetwork.ca/professionals>

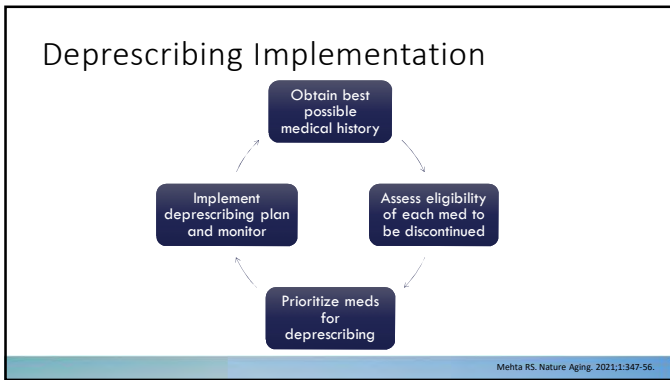
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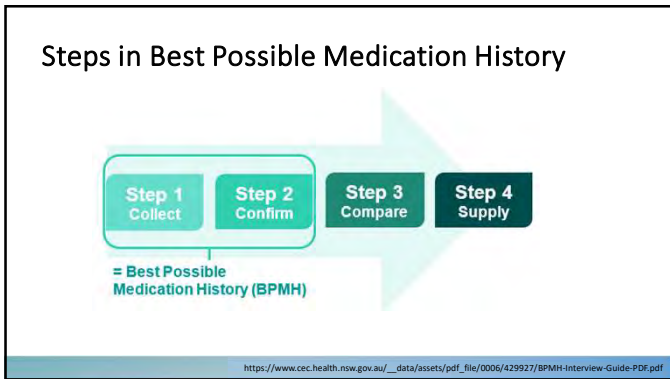
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- ### Best Possible Medication History
- A thorough history of ALL regular medication use (prescribed **and** non-prescribed), using a number of sources of information
 - Systematic approach
 - Include prescription medications, OTC and herbal supplements
 - Include dose, frequency, indication, allergies
 - Obtain from multiple sources: patient, family, caregivers, pharmacy records
 - Reconcile between medical records
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- Mehta RS. Nature Aging. 2021;1:1347-56.

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- ### Medication Discontinuation Plan
- Tapering schedule when necessary
 - Recommendation for alternative therapies or approaches
 - Patient/family education on withdrawal symptoms and follow up
 - Monitoring plan

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Deprescribing Barriers and Facilitators

Barriers	Facilitators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fragmented health care Lack of evidence-based guidance Provider or patient past negative deprescribing experiences Provider's competing priorities Uncertainty about which meds to prioritize Patient unwillingness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of non-pharmacologic alternatives Shared decision-making Integration of a pharmacist in healthcare team Educational programs

Mehta RS. Nature Aging. 2021;1:347-56.

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MEDICATIONS

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Medicine	Dose	Frequency	Prescriber

Pharmacy: _____
 Allergies: _____
 Additional Notes: _____

Have an Up-to-Date Medication List

- Include all medications: oral, topical, injectable, ophthalmic
- Include supplements, OTC meds
- Update with every healthcare encounter

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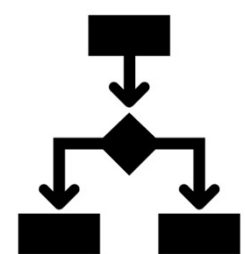


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Needs for Deprescribing Practice

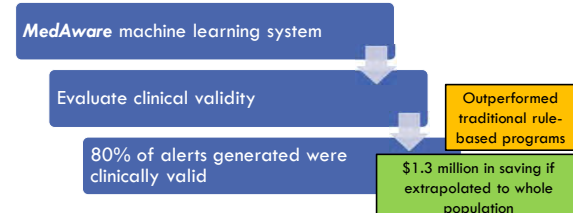
- Evidence based algorithms for deprescribing
- Algorithms should include monitoring



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Technology and Precision Management of Polypharmacy

- Enhancement of drug data analysis and pattern identification with polypharmacy.




Rozember R. Jt. Comm J Qual Patient Saf. 2020;46(11):9-10.

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AI Supported Web Application Used to Reduce Adverse Effects of Polypharmacy

- Web-based application took into consideration PIMs from 6 criteria tools.
- AI web-based application saved significant time.
- Identification of drug interactions:
 2278 seconds for practitioner vs
 33.8 seconds for web-based application; $p < 0.001$



Akyon. Frontiers in Med. 2023. 10:1029198.

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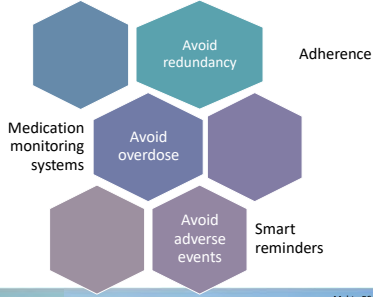
Patient Identification & Precision Dosing

- Future models should predict:
 - Risk for polypharmacy based upon patient and system characteristics.
 - Medication dose adjustments as to avoid adverse drug interactions.
- Research needed to engineer and validate effective machine-learning tool.

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Digital Health Tools



The diagram consists of six interconnected hexagons. The top-left hexagon is labeled 'Medication monitoring systems'. The top-right hexagon is labeled 'Avoid redundancy' and is associated with the word 'Adherence'. The middle hexagon is labeled 'Avoid overdose'. The bottom-right hexagon is labeled 'Avoid adverse events' and is associated with the words 'Smart reminders'. The bottom-left hexagon is unlabeled but connects the 'Avoid overdose' and 'Avoid adverse events' hexagons.

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Recommendations for Improving Responsible Use of Medication

- Investment in medical audits targeting older patients with multiple medications
- Support for a greater role of pharmacists in medication management and in collaboration with health care professionals for review of therapeutic plans
- Identification of high-risk patients and preparation of targeted medicine management plans for this group
- Establishment of a system for blame-free reporting of medication errors

Aitken M. IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics; 2012. <https://www.imsinstitute.org/2012/03/21/2012-03-21-01/>. Accessed March 21, 2024.

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Summary

- Inappropriate polypharmacy poses significant risk to older adults. There is need to better evaluate polypharmacy in older adults.
- Identifying inappropriate polypharmacy can include validated tools such as the Beer's Criteria and STOPP/START. Development of deprescribing algorithms and approaches is an opportunity for improved safety.
- Research should focus on digital technologies to enhance identification, mitigation of polypharmacy risk and improve patient safety.


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PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES OF HOSPITALIZED PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA:

Lessons Learned

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OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the critical role of family in the life of the person living with dementia and their challenges and rewards
- Describe the state of the science related to interventions for family carer partners of persons living with dementia
- Discuss the family carers' experience and needs when the hospitalized person with dementia is hospitalized.
- Discuss emerging issues in research, practice, and policy affecting the family living with dementia

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NEARLY 7 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE ALZHEIMER'S

- An estimated **6.9 million** Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's in 2024. Seventy-three percent are age 75 or older.
- About **1 in 9** people aged 65 and older (10.9%) has Alzheimer's.
- Almost **two-thirds** of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.
- Deaths from Alzheimer's have more than doubled between 2000 and 2021.

ONE IN 3 OLDER ADULTS DIES WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR ANOTHER DEMENTIA

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OVERVIEW: DEFINITIONS

FAMILY CAREGIVER (CG) - CARE PARTNER (THE PREFERRED TERM)
Any relative, partner, friend or neighbor who has a significant personal relationship with, and provides a broad range of assistance for, an older person or an adult with a chronic or disabling condition

CARE RECIPIENT (CR)
An adult with a chronic illness or disabling condition or an older person who needs ongoing assistance with everyday tasks to function on a daily basis

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75-80% OF CARE PROVIDED BY FAMILY / FRIENDS

CARE DELIVERY CARE MANAGEMENT

- Approximately 15.5 million caregivers provide estimated 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care
- Higher in African American and Hispanic than White and Asian-American

MAJORITY OF CAREGIVERS ARE WOMEN (APPROX. 66%)

- 21% are 65 years old and older
- average age 42
- 64% are currently employed, a student or a homemaker
- 71% are married or in a long-term relationship

ABOUT 25% OF DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS CARE FOR AN AGING PARENT AS WELL AS AT LEAST ONE CHILD

(Alzheimer's Association, 2024)

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REWARDS OF BEING A CARER

- RECIPROCITY
- EMOTIONAL CLOSENESS
- LEARNING AND GROWING
- ENACTMENT OF VALUES

(McGillick & Murphy-White, 2016)

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THE CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED BY CARERS

Higher levels of perceived stress

Greater employment complications

Less family time

Disrupted family and social relationships

Less time for leisure

Less self-care

Higher burden, strain, psychological morbidity

Impaired function

- Cognitive
- Immune

When depression present

- Increased vascular inflammation and altered clotting profiles

(Rowe et al., 2016)

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ADDRESSING NEEDS . . .

RESPIRE / BREAKS FROM CAREGIVING ARE ESSENTIAL
Maintain a life outside of caregiving

CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW THEIR NEEDS / FEELINGS COUNT

- They need their efforts to be validated
- Their feelings are important
- They must take care of their own health
- They have a right to say what they can do and can't do

THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO BE LISTENED TO

- Get information about community resources
- Get medical systems to pay attention to them / their concerns

THEY CAN'T DO IT ALONE

HELP THEM identify sources of support

HELP THEM say "YES" to offers of help

Family Caregiver Alliance | National Center on Caregiving

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Dementia prevention, intervention, and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission

Gill Livingston, Jonathan Huntley, Andrew Sommerlad, David Ames, Clive Ballard, Sube Banerjee, Carol Brayne, Alistair Burns, Jitka Cohen-Mansfield, Claudia Cooper, Saeji G Costafreda, Armit Dias, Nick Fox, Laura N Gitlin, Robert Howard, Helen C Kales, Mika Kivimäki, Eric B Larson, Adesola Ogunniyi, Vasiliki Orgeta, Karen Ritchie, Kenneth Rockwood, Elizabeth L Sampson, Quincy Sarus, Lon S Schneider, Geir Selbak, Linda Teri, Naahed Mukadam

“Triangulation framework”—consistency of evidence from different research lines

Summarize best evidence using quality systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or individual studies

Perform systematic literature reviews and meta-analyses where needed

Present a synthesis of evidence ... balance, strengths, and limitations”

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SOME KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM 2020 LANCET REPORT

- WELL-BEING is the goal of much dementia care: How well do we measure this or set this as our goal—in caring and in research?
- People with dementia have COMPLEX problems and symptoms in many domains.
- Interventions should be INDIVIDUALIZED, WHOLE PERSON, and INCLUDE FAMILY CARERS.
- Evidence supports PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS tailored to individual needs to manage neuropsychiatric symptoms.

- Evidence-based INTERVENTIONS FOR CARERS can reduce depressive and anxiety symptoms over years and are cost effective.
- Keeping people with dementia PHYSICALLY HEALTHY is important for their cognition and well being.
- AVOIDING HOSPITALIZATIONS is worthwhile as is PREVENTION OF DELIRIUM. There is much opportunity for improvement, especially post-COVID
- ADVANCE CARE PLANNING including possibly establishing preferences before dementia impairs judgement and decision making should be promoted.

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STIGMA INFLUENCES PERSON LIVING WITH DEMENTIA AND FAMILY CARERS, SUPERIMPOSED UPON AGEISM

- IGNORANCE
- “WAR” METAPHORS FOR CONFRONTING THIS “EPIDEMIC”
- THE “ALZHEIMERIZATION” OF THE DIALOGUE TO SUPPORT EUTHANASIA
- DEFINING “SELF” IN RELATION TO COGNITIVE FUNCTION (“I THINK THEREFORE I AM”)

“GETTING DEMENTIA, YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE SUDDENLY BECOME A LUNATIC.”

(Desai & Desai, 2016; Johannessen & Moller, 2011)

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THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PERSON LIVING WITH DEMENTIA: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION® NATIONAL EARLY-STAGE ADVISORY GROUP)

- EXPECT THAT WE (CLINICIANS) GET INFORMATION FROM FAMILY
- WANT US TO INCLUDE FAMILY IN EVALUATION AND DECISION-MAKING

“Make contact with persons who know me from their direct experience with me such as my adult children...”

“Keep in close contact with my caregiver to ensure knowledgeable parties are included in discussion.”

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EVIDENCE-BASED DEMENTIA CARE:

- Includes early detection of dementia
- Prevents, detects, manages complications while managing co-morbidity
- Focuses on patient function and quality of life
- Is family-centered- addresses patient and family needs

Supporting the patient without due consideration of the family can result in increased carer distress and poorer overall outcomes for both patient and carer.

Burns R et al. Primary Care Interventions for Dementia Caregivers: 2-Year Outcomes From the REACH Study. *Gerontologist* 43(4):547-555

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WHY A DYADIC APPROACH?

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PATIENT FACTORS INFLUENCE CAREGIVER STATUS

(Rowe et al., 2016)

MECHANISMS INFLUENCING PHYSIOLOGIC CHANGES IN CAREGIVERS:

- Poor sleep, sustained vigilance, and interference with caregivers' health promoting behaviors

MECHANISMS INFLUENCING PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGES IN CAREGIVERS:

- Being a spouse, female, with poorer perceived health, smaller social network
- Role overload, captivity, or burden associated with depression

CARE RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH CAREGIVER DEPRESSION AND BURDEN INCLUDE:

- poorer cognitive function
- higher dependence in activities of daily living
- behavioral manifestations of distress

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FAMILY CAREGIVER FACTORS INFLUENCE PATIENT OUTCOMES

- Caregiver strain affects ability to support the ADL needs of the person with dementia. (Tao et al., 2012; Boltz et al., 2015a)
- Higher family efficacy support associated with better functional status. (Tao et al., 2012)
- Baseline function, depression, dementia severity, and caregiver strain were associated with preadmission loss of function. (Boltz et al., 2018)

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THE FAMILY CARE PARTNER (CAREGIVER) AS THE UNIT OF CARE

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NEED TO CONSIDER THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF CARE-RECEIVER AND CAREGIVER NEEDS AND RESPONSES WHEN PLANNING, PROVIDING, AND EVALUATING CARE . . . AND REFLECT ON

- OUR PERSONAL VIEW OF PATIENTS AND FAMILIES
- THEIR EXPOSURE TO OTHERS' VIEWS
- OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM

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OLDER PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS (ADRD) ARE 2-3 X'S MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED AS THEIR PEERS WHO ARE COGNITIVELY HEALTHY (ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, 2024)


THEY ARE AT GREATER RISK FOR:

- ❑ Functional decline
- ❑ Delirium
- ❑ Nutritional problems, pain, falls
- ❑ Emotional/psychological distress
- ❑ Increased care dependency after discharge

(Fick et al, 2002; Mecocci et al, 2005)

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- ❑ Focus on the acute, admitting problem
- ❑ Dementia is rarely recognized




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EXPERIENCES OF HOSPITALIZATION

PERSONS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA	FAMILY CARERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ FEELING IGNORED, DISTRESSED, OR UNCERTAIN ❑ RARELY ENGAGED IN DECISIONS ABOUT CARE AND TREATMENT ❑ NEGATIVE ENCOUNTERS ❑ NOT RECEIVING THE SAME SERVICES AS PEOPLE WITHOUT AD/ADRD, INCLUDING ATTENTION TO MOBILITY, COGNITION, PRIVACY, HYGIENE, AND COMFORT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ WORRY, STRESS, AND VULNERABILITY DURING ACUTE ILLNESS ❑ INCREASED BURDEN DURING AND AFTER THE HOSPITAL STAY ❑ LIMITED INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH CARE DECISIONS ❑ INCREASED ANXIETY RELATED TO PATIENT'S CONDITION AND LACK OF PREPAREDNESS

(Boltz et al, 2015; Goldberg & Harwood, 2013; Innes, Kelly, Scerri, Abela, 2016; Hung et al, 2017)




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WHY ENGAGE CARE PARTNERS IN ACUTE CARE ?


OFTEN HAVE BASELINE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MORBIDITY

PROVIDE 75-80% OF CARE TO PERSONS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA



CAN PROVIDE VITAL INFORMATION, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, MOTIVATION, AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY IN VARYING DEGREES FOR POST-ACUTE CARE DELIVERY AND COORDINATION.

(Li, 2005; Boltz et al, 2015, 2016)



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Can goals of promoting functional recovery (cognitive and physical) align with improving family caregiver preparedness and sense of well-being?



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FAMILY-CENTERED INTERVENTION FOCUSED ON FUNCTION (FAM-FFC): MULTI-COMPONENT INTERVENTION R01AG054425

- ❑ ENVIRONMENT AND POLICY ASSESSMENT
- ❑ EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR NURSING STAFF
- ❑ DEVELOPMENT OF FamPath WITH FAMILY AND PATIENT
 - Family/patient education
 - Jointly developed goals and treatment plans in hospital
 - Post acute care follow-up by phone weekly for 8 weeks then monthly for 4 months



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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WITHIN A PREPARED PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL / POLICY ASSESSMENT

- ❑ Safety of environment
- ❑ Access to supplies: sensory, mobility, nutrition
- ❑ Bed height/toilet height
- ❑ Policy regarding visitation
- ❑ Inclusion of patient/family in rounds



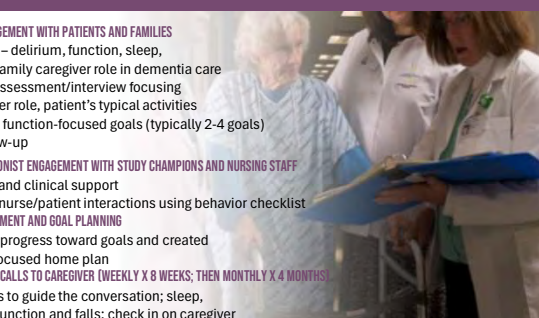
STAFF EDUCATION

- ❑ Experience of patient /family
- ❑ Communication
- ❑ Cognitive and functional assessment
- ❑ Evidence-based approaches to prevent functional decline, delirium and complications
- ❑ Function-focused care
- ❑ Partnership with families



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IMPLEMENTING FamPath



IN-HOSPITAL ENGAGEMENT WITH PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

- Education – delirium, function, sleep, nutrition, family caregiver role in dementia care
- Conduct assessment/interview focusing on caregiver role, patient's typical activities
- Co-Create function-focused goals (typically 2-4 goals)
- Daily follow-up

NURSE INTERVENTIONIST ENGAGEMENT WITH STUDY CHAMPIONS AND NURSING STAFF

- Coaching and clinical support
- Observed nurse/patient interactions using behavior checklist

DISCHARGE ASSESSMENT AND GOAL PLANNING


- Evaluated progress toward goals and created function-focused home plan

FOLLOW-UP PHONE CALLS TO CAREGIVER (WEEKLY X 8 WEEKS; THEN MONTHLY X 4 MONTHS)

- Used goals to guide the conversation; sleep, nutrition, function and falls; check in on caregiver

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PARTNERING WITH FAMILY CARE PARTNERS



FamPath Information for Patients and Families
Patients and Families guide the decision-making and play an active role!

FamPath Assessment and Plan

INFORMATION to share with the health care team:

- Medical and surgical history
- Normal abilities (examples include: transferring, ambulating, feeding, toileting, bathing, dressing, shopping, preparing food, doing laundry, medication administration)
- History of memory or thinking problems
- Daily routine at home
- Signs of stress (including behaviors and functioning)
- Ways to prevent or help cope with stress
- Use of health care or support services
- Living situation and plan for assistance at discharge

WHAT YOU CAN DO as the Family Caregiver while in the hospital:

- Find out who the physician and nurse are and introduce yourself
- Always have paper/pen to write down information and any questions
- Arrange to meet (in person or on the phone) with patient and members of the healthcare team on a regular basis
- Have a friend or family member with you during conversations as support
- The bedside FamPath is a guide to prevent complications and discharge the patient in the best possible condition – please review, provide feedback, and keep current
- Use the "Family Caregiver Report" with the FamPath to document any changes
- Provide as much information as you can about your loved one!

FAMILY ROLES

This family member or friend who is designated by the patient and/or legally authorized status to help guide decisions and make any planning.

Name: _____

Role	Relationship	Address	Phone	Other family members who will be involved in care: if the patient is upset, this is the person to call

Advanced directives information

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FAM-FFC OUTCOMES

Family care partners showed increased preparedness

Goal attainment was associated with delirium abatement and less hospital readmissions

Patients exposed to Fam-FFC were more likely to **RETURN TO BASELINE FUNCTION** over time when compared to those exposed to routine care.

- Results are consistent with goals set by FCPs which focused on mobility and self-care (Boltz et al., 2023)

Fam-FFC patients showed **FEWER BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS OF DISTRESS** as compared to the control group at 6 months.

- FCPs were helped to provide function-focused care, provided in tandem with a structured daily routine and meaningful activities post-hospitalization

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PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

E.g., staying connected to others, managing behaviors

MANAGING SYMPTOMS

- Delirium Detection
- Sleep hygiene

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY/ COGNITIVE STIMULATION

E.g., helping activities, sit to stand, walks, leisure activities

ADVOCACY

Get involved in activities, walking, discontinuing an offending medication, getting and giving information

WHAT DO FAMILIES SAY THEY NEED AFTER CARE RECEIVERS' HOSPITALIZATION?

CAREGIVER STRESS

E.g., referral to Aging Services and support programs supportive listening

Boltz, M et al. *Innovation in Aging* 2023. (7):igad083 doi:10.1093/geronl/igad083. eCollection 2023.

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CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS OF THE INTERVENTION

CAREGIVER IDENTITY

- Do not identify as caregivers, did not express need for additional assistance
 - Prefer to be considered just family members
- Expressed joy and privilege
 - Their responsibility as a spouse, child, family member

SPIRITUALITY

- Not typically asked about or discussed (by staff)
- Deemed as important by the care partner / or not important at all
- Spirituality helps get the care partner cope with stress
- Requests for community activities that "engage the spiritual mind"

CARE PARTNER VIEWS

MEASURES

- Need for positive measures

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CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS OF THE INTERVENTION: CAREGIVER VIEWS



- Additional research is needed on care partner identity and the relationship to help-seeking.
- Individualized family-centered care may benefit from supports for family spiritual preferences.
 - How about the non-religious?

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OPERATIONAL APPROACHES ALIGNED WITH FAMILY-CENTERED CARE

- Assessing family role(s) upon admission
- Liberal visiting hours
- Facilities (overnight accommodations, showers, nutrition stations)
- Patient and Family Advisory Programs
- Bedside rounds that include patients and families
- Partnering with family in evaluation and research

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WORKING WITH PERSONS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA & FAMILIES

Leadership “buy in” is important

Hospitalists are key to promoting function of the patient and family engagement

Role of nursing assistants is critical yet under-recognized

Feedback mechanism promotes staff engagement

Rounds are important to support:

- Family engagement
- Follow-through

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WORKING WITH PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA AND FAMILIES: LESSONS SO FAR . . .

INFORMATION ON PREFERRED COMMUNICATION NEEDED TO SUPPORT ON-GOING ENGAGEMENT

- Back-up contacts

CONCEPT OF “CAREGIVING” MAY NOT BE CONCORDANT WITH CARE PARTNERS’ VIEWS

ISSUES THAT WE HAVE NOT/SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED:

- Spirituality as a source of strength /resource
- Food insecurity
- Inclusion of care partner network

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MORE WORK NEEDED

- Interventions co-designed with people with dementia and care partners
- Interventions that provide education and support *when care partners need them*
- Address inequities in dementia care - people in rural areas, ethnic minorities, sexual minoritized, people with disabilities, people living alone
- Measuring what is important to family carers
- Additional research is needed on care partner identity and the relationship to help-seeking.
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MORE WORK NEEDED

- Need for orientation of staff, patients, and families to acknowledge the role of care partners as patient advocate
- Need for caregiver assessment across service areas
- Policy that goes beyond supporting the needs of the persons with dementia: supporting care partners to flourish (*Beach et al. 2022*)

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TAKE HOME POINTS

When working with persons with dementia and care partners language is important

Hospitalization can be a life-changing event for the person with dementia and their care partner

The needs of both need to be addressed in tandem – during and during the post-acute period

- An under-researched period
- Simple operational approaches are helpful
- Goal setting is valuable

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Issues in Aging 2024:

Navigating Challenges in Aging

Monday, April 29

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Community Aging in Place-Advancing Better Living for Elders

an evidence-based program developed by Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

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The Facts on Aging

Statistics on AGING in the United States?

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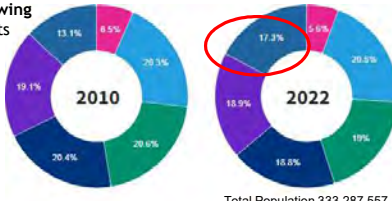
Aging Population

65+ group was the fastest growing between 2010 and 2022 with its population increasing 42.8% ¹

65+ population in 2022 in the US was 57,794,852 or 17.3% of the total population ²

In 2022, another 62,892,984 in population was attributed to ages 50-64 ³

The death rate for people ages 65 or older declined 24% between 2000 and 2019 ⁴



Age Group	2010 (%)	2022 (%)
0 to 4	6.5%	5.5%
5 to 19	20.3%	20.5%
20 to 34	20.6%	19%
35 to 49	20.4%	18.0%
50 to 64	19.1%	15.9%
65+	13.1%	17.3%



Total Population 333,287,557

Legend: 0 to 4, 5 to 19, 20 to 34, 35 to 49, 50 to 64, 65+ Baby Boomers

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Income and Poverty Levels

Roughly 1 in 3 older adults aged 65+ are economically insecure, with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). ⁵

Among Social Security beneficiaries age 65+, Social Security represents 50% or more of their income for 37% of men and 42% of women, and 90% or more of their income of 12% of men and 15% of women. ⁶

Of retirees 65+ surveyed in 2021, 93% said Social Security was a source of income in the previous 12 months, and 68% said a pension was. ⁷

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Housing

Housing-related expenses cost adults 55+ an average of \$16,219 per year, or 33% of their yearly budget. ⁸

About 75 million or 60% of U.S. homes don't have the most basic, aging-ready features — a step-free entryway into the home and a bedroom and full bathroom on the first floor. ⁹

Median Annual Rate in US Dollars

Adult day health care	24,700
Assisted living facility (private, one bedroom)	64,200
Homemaker services	68,640
Home health aide	75,504
Nursing home (semi-private)	104,025
Nursing home (private room)	116,800

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Health and Nutrition

About one in four older adults 65+ scrimp on food, utilities, clothing, or medication due to health care costs. In 2022, 37% of older adults were worried about affording health care in the coming year. ¹⁰

All types of disabilities increase with age, and 55% of those age 80 and over report at least one disability. ¹¹

In 2020, 5.2 million older Americans faced the threat of hunger, representing 6.8% of adults age 60+ in the U.S. Hunger is more likely for older Americans who are Black, Hispanic, or Native American, who have lower incomes, or who have a disability. ¹²

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Safety

More than one out of four Americans age 65+ falls each year. ¹³

The cost of treating injuries caused by falls is projected to increase to over \$101 billion by 2030. ¹⁴

Falls result in more than 3 million injuries treated in emergency departments annually, including over 800,000 hospitalizations. ^{15, NIH}

Bedrooms (25% Overall)
Stairs (22.9% Overall)
Bathrooms (22.7% Overall)

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What is CAPABLE?

- Evidence-based
- Home-based
- Client-Directed
- Interprofessional
- Long-term Impact
- Behavioral change

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How CAPABLE works

An interdisciplinary team uses motivational interviewing, active listening, and coaching communication methods to enable the participant to achieve their self-prioritized goals

Participant

- Self-assessment
- Readiness to change
- Drives own goals and priority settings
- Brainstorms options/solutions; Develops Action Plan in own words
- Makes progress between visits; Exercises, reads material, practices within home
- Practices tips for safe, independent living
- Uses new skills and equipment

Occupational Therapist

- Functional/Mobility assessment
- Home risk; modifications & equipment needs
- Fall prevention, equipment guidance

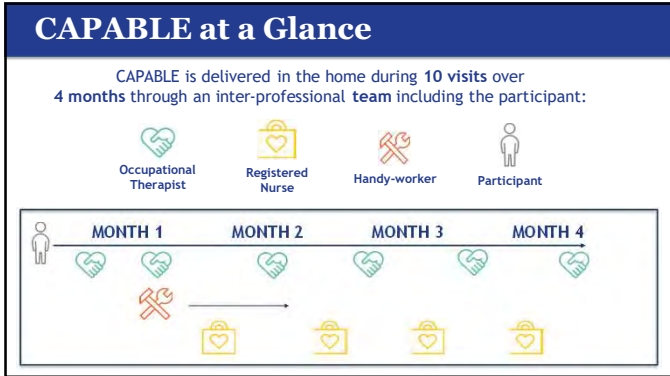
Registered Nurse

- Medical history, current healthcare providers
- Key health issues/risks
- Pain, medication review

Handy Person

- Receives work order; confers with participant
- Obtains and installs equipment
- Makes minor home repairs/modifications

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CAPABLE Participants

- Adults - age 50+
- With functional limitations
- Living at home or in an apartment
- Cognitively intact

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Participant Learns:

*Goal Setting
Brainstorming
Action Planning
Trying
Doing
Achieving*

"The single best thing is they do it in a style that is not directive or confrontive. It is collaborative. What it does is gives such room for thought."
Baltimore, MD 2022

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CAPABLE Client: Mrs. R

Daily activities have become harder due to advanced arthritis and lung disease.

She works with her CAPABLE team - an occupational therapist, nurse, and handy worker - to identify goals and address challenges.

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Mrs. R's Goal

Be able to bathe with less effort.

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The handy worker smooths out the bathroom entry threshold so Mrs. R can push her rolling walker with ease.

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GOAL ACHIEVED!

Mrs. R is able to bathe with less effort.

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Mrs. R's Goal

Feel less pain while playing the piano.

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The handy worker added an extended chain to her light and switched the light bulb to an LED.

Mrs. R can now operate the light herself and read the sheet music better.

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GOAL ACHIEVED!

Mrs. R feels less pain while playing the piano.

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GOALS – Set by the participant

Examples:

- I want to: make my own meals/cook at stove/oven vs. frozen microwave food
- I want to take a shower by myself
- I want to: clean better (bathroom, kitchen), make my bed
- I want to declutter and reach things in my cabinets
- I want to get stronger; avoid falls-especially on stairs and in bathroom
- I want to be able to talk with my doctor and get some things changed with my meds
- I want to manage my bladder
- I want to be less tired all day long

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I have been homebound for so long. The program has really helped me get out.
Denver, CO 2024

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I feel cleaner from head to toe. I must have stayed in here for an hour the first time.
Denver, CO 2024

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Common Supplies & Installations

<p>DME:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shower chairs 2. Tub transfer benches 3. Rollators 4. Reachers 	<p>Non DME supplies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rubber bathmats 2. Non-sliding rugs (bath and kitchen) 3. Tub safety strips 4. Heating pads 5. Ice packs 6. Knee braces 7. Back braces/sciatica belts 8. Max Freeze (topical pain relief) 	<p>Home Modifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interior railings 2. Grab bars 3. Flexible shower hoses 4. Exterior railing 5. Motion sensor lighting and other lighting 6. Door-bells 7. Door lock sets 8. Lever door handles
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Program Benefits

- 6 to 7 x return on investment**
- Improved physical function**
- Improved motivation**
- Reduced symptoms of depression**

Roughly \$3,000 in program costs yielded more than \$30,000 in savings in medical costs driven by reductions in both inpatient and outpatient expenditures.*

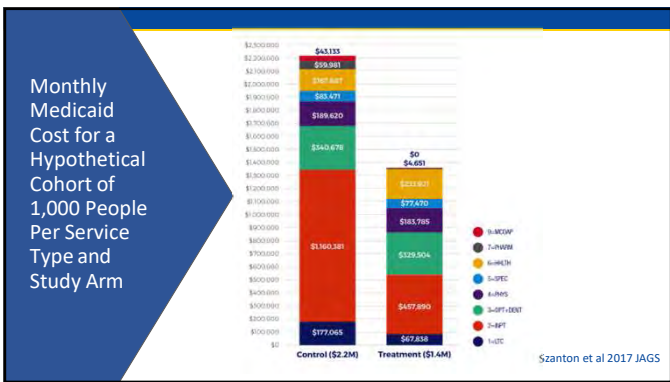
Participants had difficulty with an average of 3.9 out of 8.0 Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) at baseline, compared to 2.0 after five months. 74.8% participants had less difficulty with ADLs.

The change in physical environment further motivates the participant. Addressing both the person and the environment in which they live allows the person to thrive. 77.6% of participants had less home hazards.

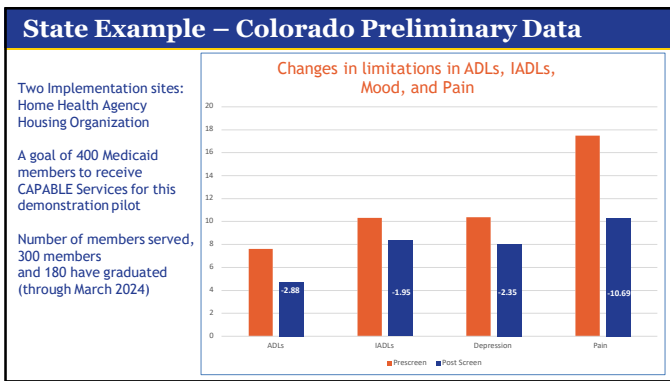
52.9% of participants had less depressive symptoms and ability to do important tasks. 65% of participants improved in such tasks as groceryshop and manage medications.

*Ruiz et al., 2017
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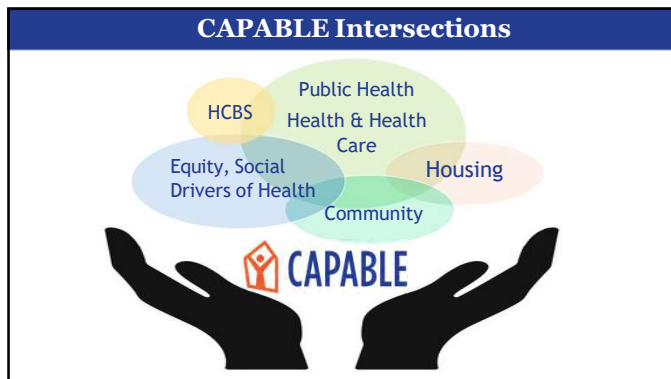


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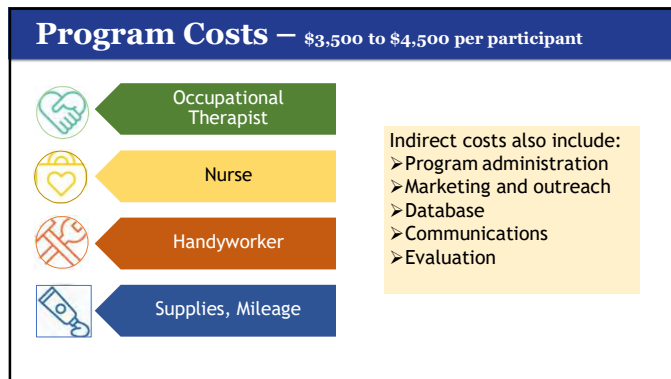
Keys to Success

- Strengths and goals developed by participant
- Clinicians provide resources to achieve those goals
- Unleashes participant's motivation
- Person/environmental fit
- Helps demonstrate that function can be improved/is not lost
- Builds self-efficacy for new challenges

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Adoption & Implementation Key Considerations

Purpose
Why are we doing this and why now?

Strategy
How does it align with our mission and services?
Will this require partners to implement?

Scope/Scale
How many participants, covering what area, and in what timeframe?

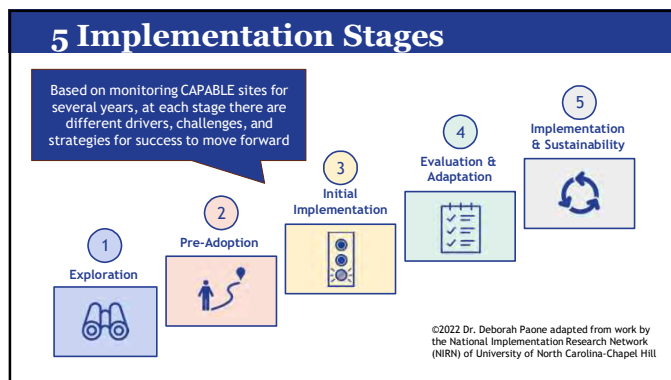
Funding
Do we have a source of funds to test/pilot?
What are our options for ongoing funding?

Program Components
Do we have or can we develop the capacity to follow the CAPABLE model?

How will we define and assess our success and impact?
How will we sustain this if it works?

* Adapted From: Business Planning Toolkit for Dementia Programs, ©2015, Deborah Paone; Prepared for U.S. Administration for Community Living. Foundat AGL Business Toolkit, Paone, 2015

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Perspectives on Value Equation

STAKEHOLDER	TOP VALUE of CAPABLE
Potential Participant	Improved quality of life
Organization offering CAPABLE Leadership (Board, C-Suite)	Service, mission, reputation, cover costs, strategic direction
Partners	Service, mission, payment, long-term partnership interest/strategic
OT, RN, and Handy-worker	Service excellence and satisfaction
Local senior service providers	Ability to refer their clients to a proven, effective program
Private Philanthropist or Foundation	Proven effectiveness, Health Outcomes & Community impact

Adapted from Value Equation model ©2015 Dr. Deborah Paone, Paone & Associates, LLC

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Perspectives on Value Equation

STAKEHOLDER	TOP VALUE of CAPABLE
Primary care providers	Fewer patient falls/calls; improved patient health and self-care at home
Hospital & ED (in value-based arrangement)	Fewer hospital readmissions; fewer ED visits
Managed care organization	Reduced hospital/ER costs and improved member satisfaction
Federal Medicare Program	Reduced Medicare costs due to avoided hospital/ER costs; better quality outcomes
State Medicaid Program	Reduced Medicaid costs due to avoiding early admissions to a nursing home; better quality outcomes
City/Town Services (EMT, Fire)	Reduce "pick up from floor calls"

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Variety of Program Funding Options

- GRANTS/ PHILANTHROPY**
Grants are the most frequent source of funding for CAPABLE; Several programs have sustained foundation funding or special initiatives from private philanthropy
- Reserves**
Self-funded programs (organizational reserves)
- VB Payment**
Value-based payments are used by MA & ACOs (St. Louis MA program)
- Municipal/Tax**
City or other gov't unit funding that comes from taxes (e.g., City of Chicago)
- ARPA or Waiver programs**
ARPA \$ and State waiver or demonstration - (e.g., Colorado; Massachusetts)

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State Implementation & Financing Pathways

CAPABLE unique capabilities:

- Medicaid agencies
- Health departments
- Legislature work

Work together to support adults in their communities. CAPABLE is a KEY support for adults and saves Medicaid \$\$\$

- States pursuing LTSS rebalancing efforts look at CAPABLE as a proven home and community-based service for older adults that will reduce the likelihood of nursing home admission.
- States can even be awarded policy innovation points in AARP's LTSS Scorecard for supporting CAPABLE availability as it is an evidence-based program to support "aging in community"

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The CAPABLE Difference

What makes CAPABLE **work** - in a population where so much *doesn't*?

Typical disease prevention/management intervention	CAPABLE
Designed to prevent a single event or focuses on a single disease (e.g., a fall, post-hip surgery rehab, CHF)	Designed to maximize independence, which has positive effects across an individual's daily life, which decreases risk factors for hospitalization.
Provider-driven (i.e., "you should do this")	Client-driven (i.e., "I want to do this.")
Focuses on narrow risk factors or on the equipment ("we put in grab bars")	Focuses on person-environment fit, addressing physical function, the home environment, and social drivers through a holistic approach
Does not last (the effect ends when the intervention ends)	Self-sustaining for long-term impact

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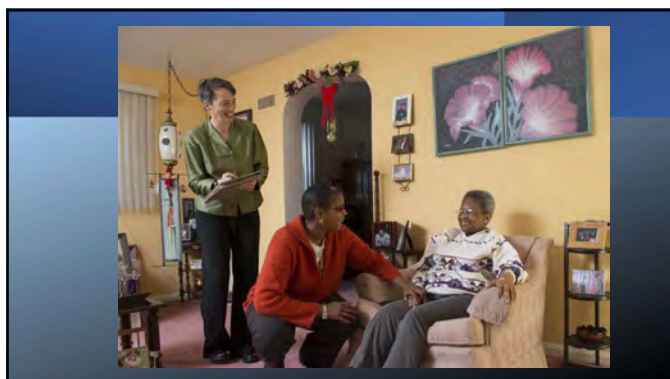
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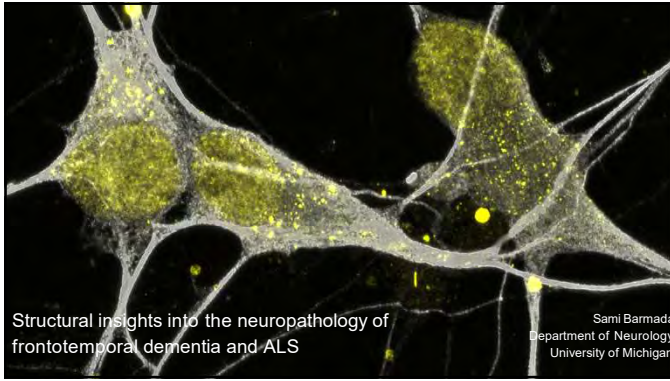
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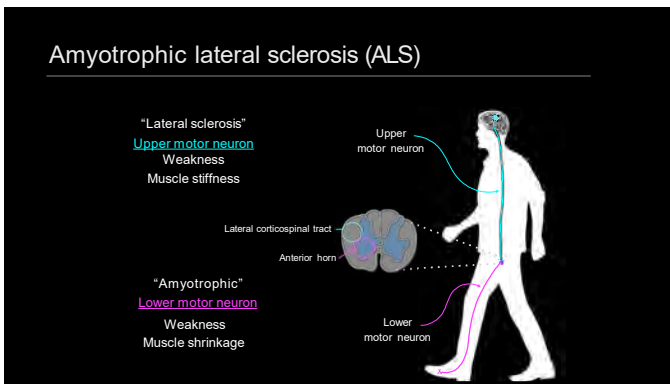
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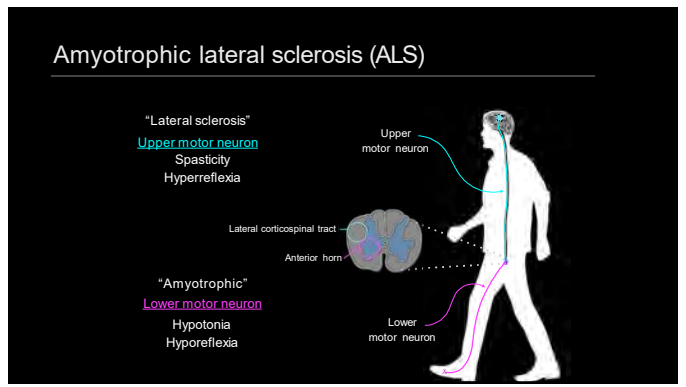
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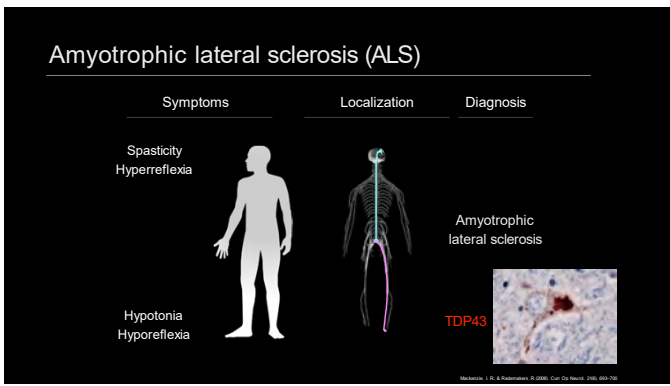
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Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)

Behavioral variant FTD (bvFTD)

- Apathy
- Social withdrawal
- Disinhibition
- Lack of empathy
- Obsessions / compulsions
- Eating disorder
- Poor judgment

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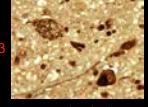
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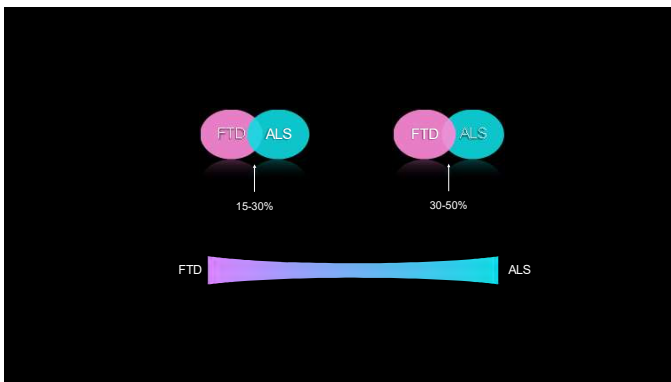
Language variants (primary progressive aphasia, PPA)
 Reduced output
 Reduced vocabulary
 Effortful speech
 Substitutions / combinations
 Perseveration

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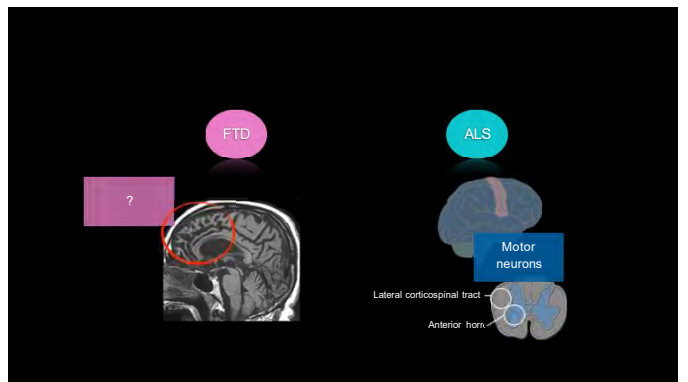
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Symptoms	Localization	Diagnosis
Personality change Word-finding difficulties Lack of motivation		Frontotemporal dementia  TDP43

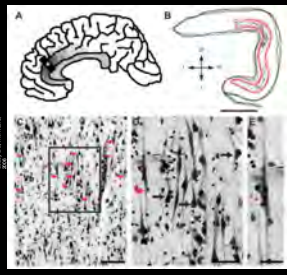
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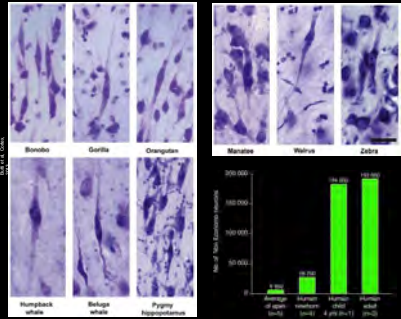


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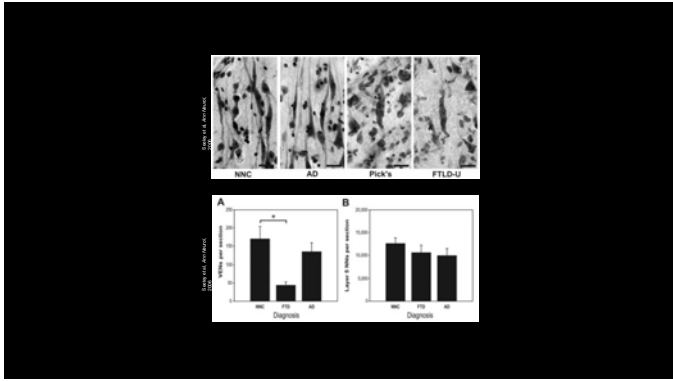
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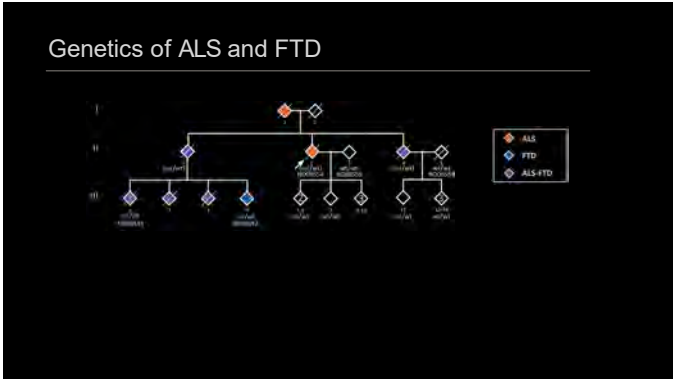


Region	Approx. Number of Neurons
Human brain white matter	~10,000
Beluga whale white matter	~10,000
Pigmy hippopotamus white matter	~10,000
Manatee	~150,000
Walrus	~150,000
Zebra	~150,000

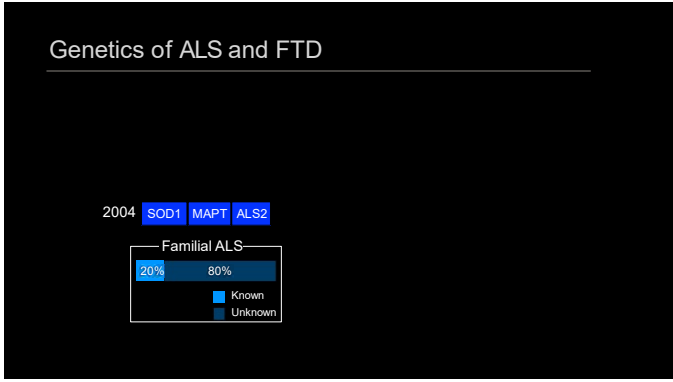
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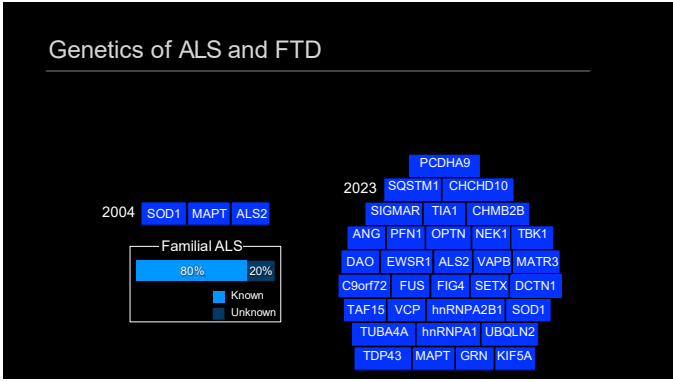
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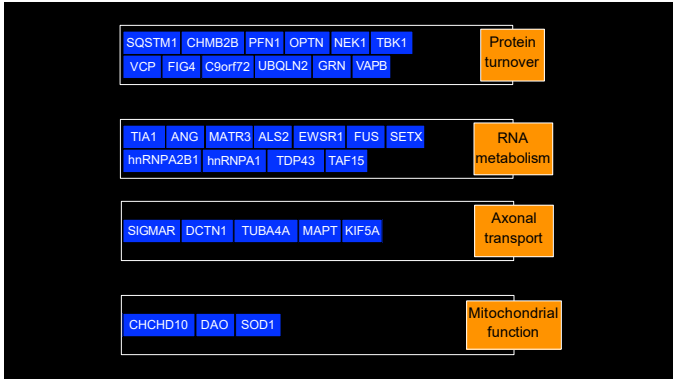
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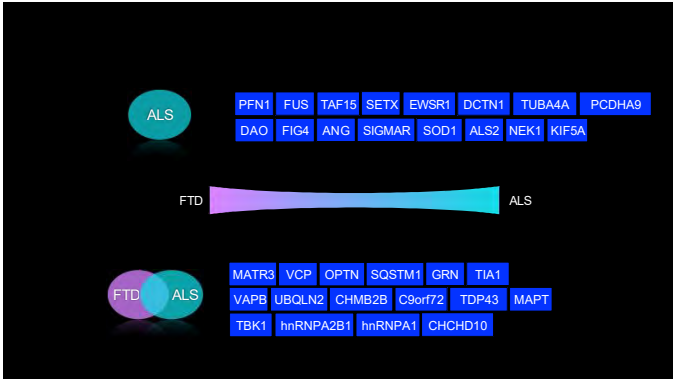
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SOD1 **UBQ** **FUS** **TDP43**

SOD1 **CHMB2B** **FUS** **SETX** **VAPB**
DAO **EWSR1** **UBQLN2** **TDP43**
MATR3 **TAF15** **VCP** **GRN**
ALS2 **C9orf72** **OPTN**
hnRNPA1 **SIGMAR**
FIG4 **TBK1**
SQSTM1 **PFN1**
TIA1 **CHCHD10**
KIF5A **ANG** **DCTN1** **PCDHA9**
TUBA4A **hnRNPA2B1**

33 genes associated with ALS/FTD
 3/4 (25) result in TDP43 pathology

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How common is TDP43 pathology in ALS?

SOD1 **UBQ** **FUS** **TDP43**

Sporadic **Familial**

- SOD1
- FUS
- Ubiquitin
- TDP43

TDP43 94% (Sporadic)
 TDP43 70% (Familial)
 SOD1 20% (Familial)

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How common is TDP43 pathology in FTD?

Tau **UBQ** **FUS** **TDP43**

Sporadic **Familial**

- Tau
- FUS
- Ubiquitin
- TDP43

Tau 40% (Sporadic)
 TDP43 50% (Sporadic)
 Tau 45% (Familial)
 TDP43 45% (Familial)

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Summary and next steps (1)

- ALS and FTD are related disorders
- Clinical overlap
- Genetic overlap
- Pathologic overlap (**TDP43**)

- TDP43-based biomarkers and treatments are *severely* lacking

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TDP43

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
 Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)

What are the triggers for TDP43 pathology?
 What are the consequences?

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Humans have ~100,000 genes

Approximately 1/3 (**30,000**) are recognized by TDP43

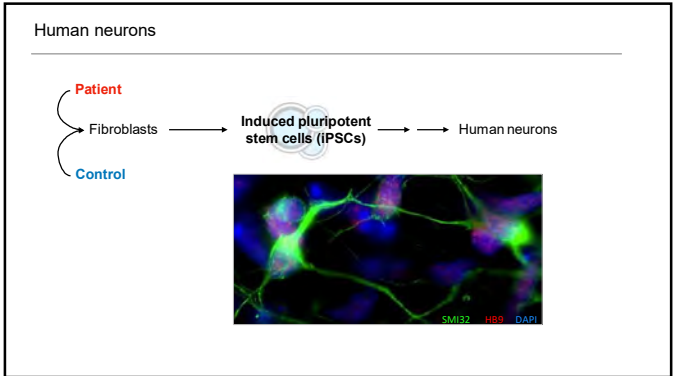
TDP43 pathology → RNA misprocessing

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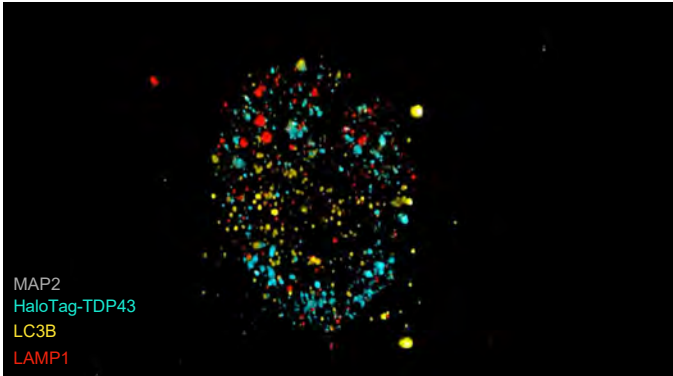
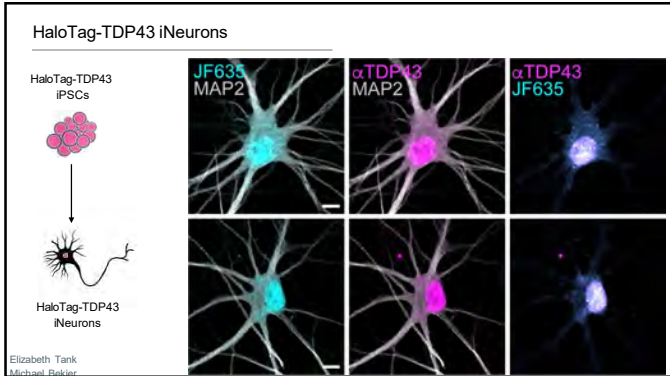
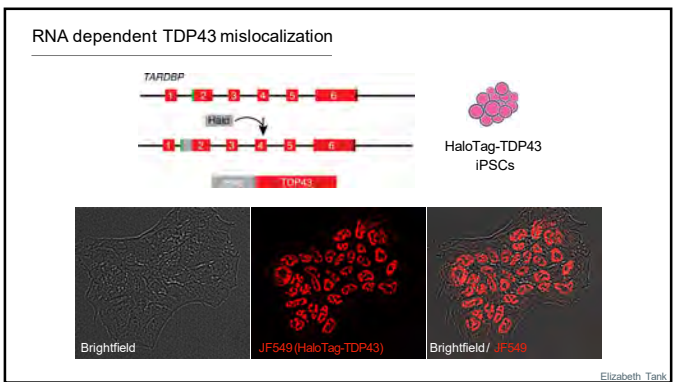
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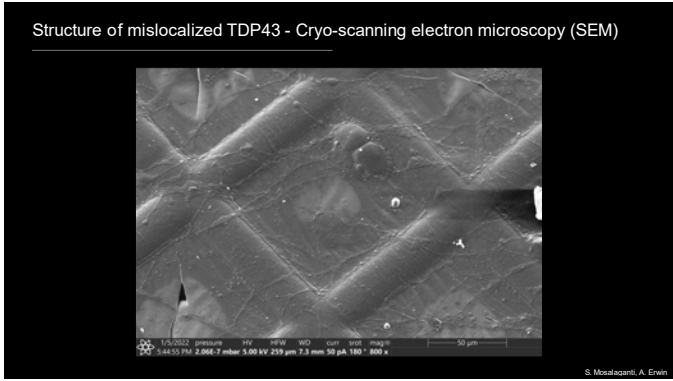
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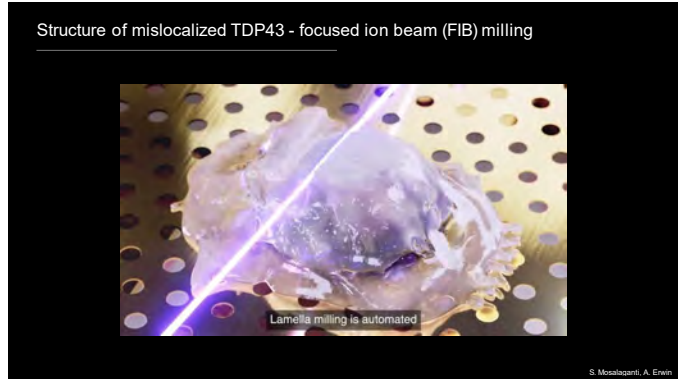
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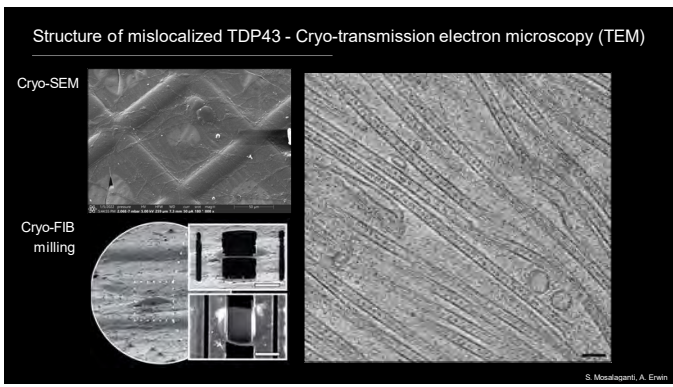




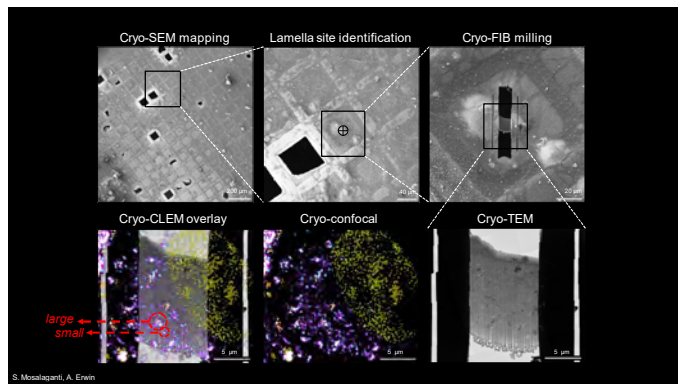
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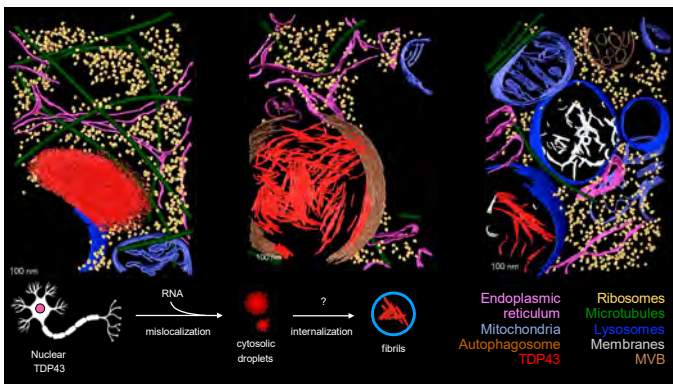
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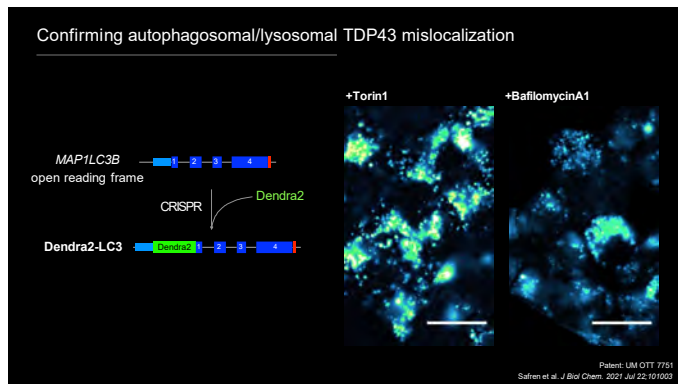
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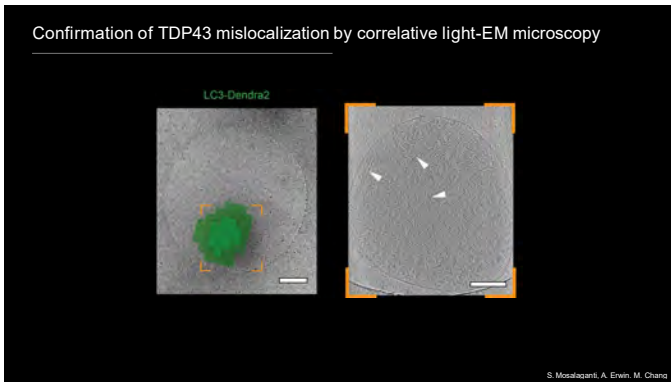
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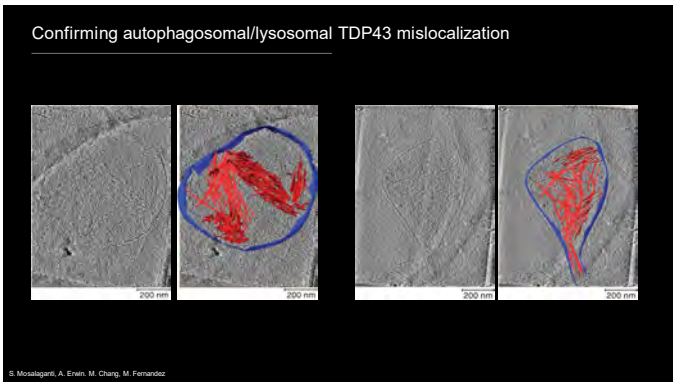
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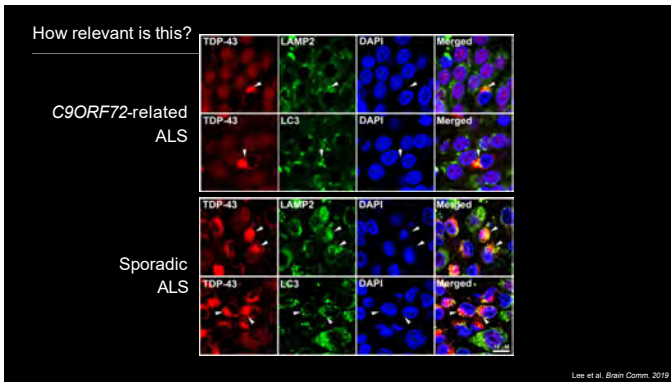
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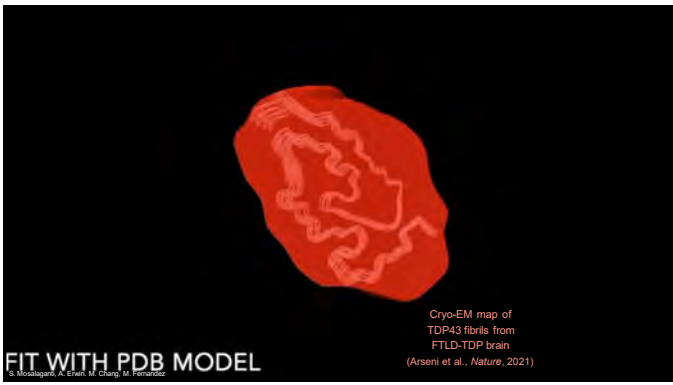
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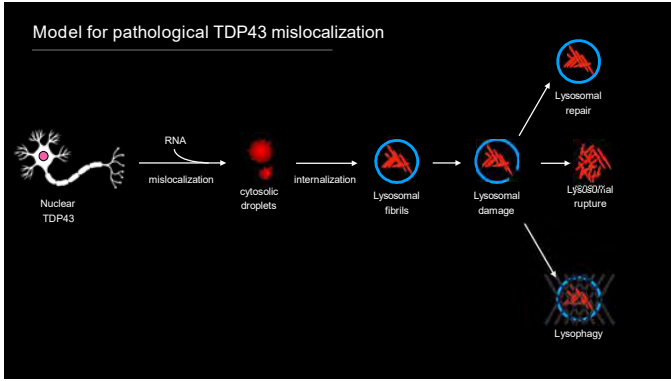
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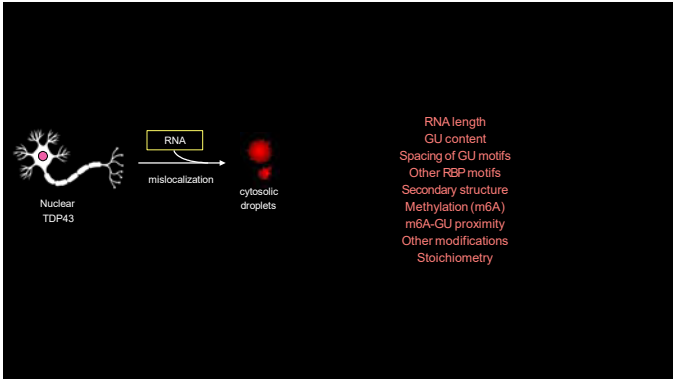
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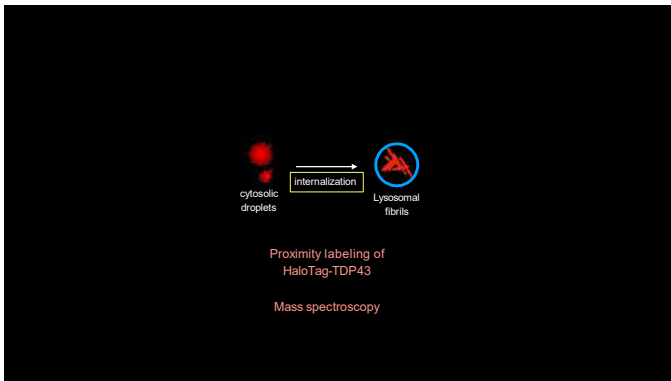
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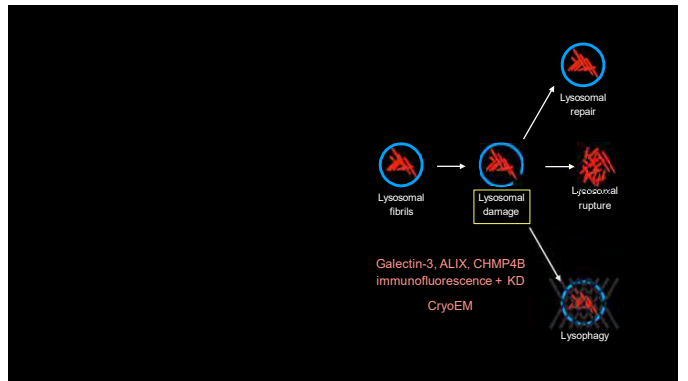
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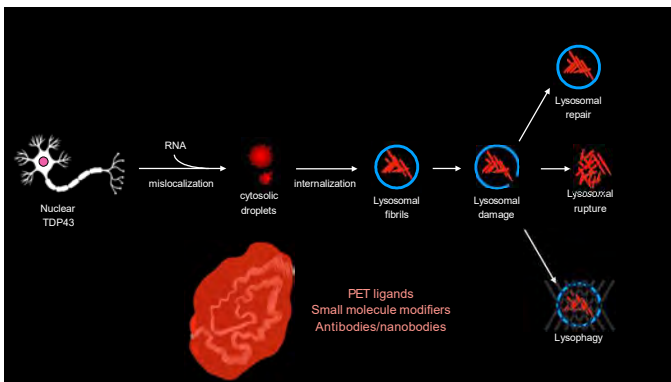
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Summary and next steps (2)

- TDP43 pathology can be recapitulated by RNA introduction
- Nuclear mislocalization
- Cytosolic fibril formation
- Lysosomal origin of TDP43 aggregates?
- Search for small molecule TDP43 ligands
- Selective for TDP43 fibrils
- Biomarkers (PET)
- Therapeutics?

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