

KEY RESOURCES

◇ **American Association of Poison Control Centers:**

<http://www.aapcc.org/DNN/>
800.222.1222

The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) is a non-profit, national organization founded in 1958. AAPCC represents the poison control centers of the United States and the interests of poison prevention and treatment of poisoning.

◇ **BenefitsCheckUp:**

www.benefitscheckup.org

Get all the benefits you deserve. Find and enroll in federal, state, local and private programs that help pay for prescription drugs, utility bills, meals, health care and other needs.

◇ **Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs:**

<http://www.consumerreports.org/health/best-buy-drugs/index.htm>

Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs provides free, unbiased information about the effectiveness, safety and the cost of commonly prescribed medications and provides information on how to talk to physicians about these options. This resource also is useful for family caregivers and professionals.

◇ **Eldercare Locator:**

<http://www.eldercare.gov>
800.677.1116

The Eldercare Locator is a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging. It is your first step for finding local agencies, in every U.S. community, that can help older persons and their families access home and community-based services like transportation, meals, home care and caregiver support services.

◇ **Food and Drug Administration (Center for Drug Evaluation and Research):**

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/ucm167906.htm>

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) performs an essential public health task by making sure that safe and effective drugs are available to improve the health of people in the United States. As part of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), CDER regulates over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including biological therapeutics and generic drugs. This work covers more than just medicines. For example, fluoride toothpaste, antiperspirants, dandruff shampoos and sunscreens are all considered “drugs.”

◇ **MedlinePlus:**

<http://medlineplus.gov/>

MedlinePlus has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, interactive patient tutorials, and the latest health news. With eight hundred searchable topics on conditions, diseases and wellness in over 40 languages, it is a great resource for older adults, family members and caregivers.

◇ **National Council on Patient Information and Education:**

www.talkaboutrx.org

NCPIE is a coalition of over 125 diverse organizations whose mission is to stimulate and improve communication of information on appropriate medicine use to consumers and health care professionals.

◇ **Updated Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults:**

http://consultgerirn.org/uploads/File/trythis/issue16_1.pdf

The Beers criteria identify medications noted by an expert consensus panel to have potential risks that outweigh potential benefits. The criteria provide an outcome severity rating (high vs. low) and a brief summary of the prescribing concerns.