

pharmacies



The scope of today's pharmacy has expanded from dispensing medications to providing drug information, clinical services, reviewing medications for safety and efficacy, and more. Pharmacists are highly-trained and skilled healthcare professionals who perform various roles to ensure optimal health outcomes for their patients. Your area pharmacists are experts on drug therapy and the information below should be of assistance.

Geriatrics 101

Seniors aged 85+ are the fastest growing segment of the population; and baby boomers will start celebrating their 65th birthdays and qualify for Medicare in 2011.

- The Institute of Medicine report entitled "Retooling for an Aging America" makes the case that the shortage of geriatric expertise among health care professionals jeopardizes the health of the nation's seniors and aging boomers ... and the report mentions pharmacists 57 times.
- Putting the right medicine in the senior's bottle is not enough. Putting the right medicine in the senior's body is what's essential. How the senior's body handles a medicine through absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion, and how the senior's body responds to a medicine are influenced by changes in cardiac, liver, and kidney function and changes in composition of body fat and water.
- Medications can sometimes hurt instead of help seniors. The common signs and syndromes of aging – such as falls, depression, confusion, and incontinence – are also common adverse drug events in seniors. So it's imperative to first consider a new symptom as an adverse drug event until proven otherwise, before treating the symptom with a new medication.
- Pharmacists play an important role in promoting patient safety among seniors by ensuring continuity of care between providers and settings. Seniors see a large number of providers, often receive care in multiple settings, may not have the knowledge or ability to keep track of their own medical information, and are particularly vulnerable to medication errors resulting from miscommunication of information.

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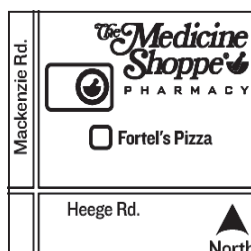


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