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POLYPHARMACY

Polypharmacy is defined as the use of multiple medications to treat health problems. It is most common in the elderly, and contributes to high medical costs, adverse drug events, confusion, compliance issues, and errors in management. The elderly (older than 65 years of age) comprise 12% of the population, yet account for 33% of all prescriptions.

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