

# Age-Friendly Health Systems 4M Training For Healthcare Practitioners

## Module 3: Mentation and Medication

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# Age-Friendly Health Systems

## 4M Training For Healthcare Practitioners

### Series Objectives

By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the need for Age-Friendly Health Systems (AFHS)
2. Communicate the AFHS 4'M model
3. Identify your scope, role, and opportunities to practice the 4Ms in the healthcare setting

# Schedule

## Age-Friendly Health Systems 4M Training For Healthcare Practitioners



### Module 1: Introduction to Age-Friendly Health Systems

• *Thursday, June 3, 2021 • 10:00 am EST*



### Module 2: Deep Dives – What Matters Most & Mobility

• *Thursday, June 10, 2021 • 10:00 am EST*



### Module 3: Deep Dives – Mentation & Medication

• *Thursday, June 17, 2021 • 10:00 am EST*

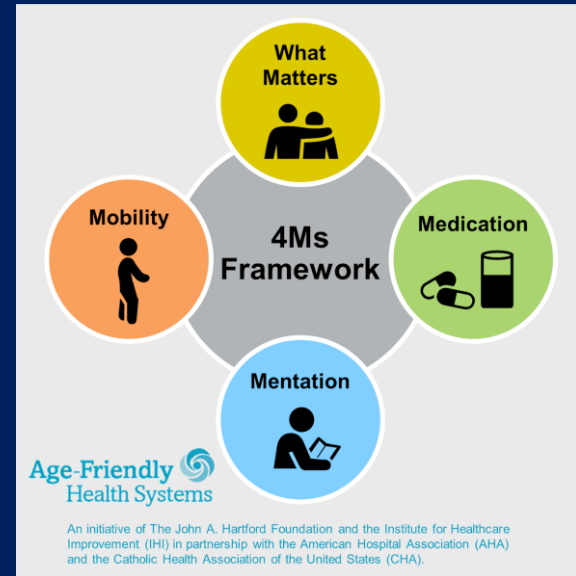


### Module 4: Putting it All Together

• *Thursday, June 24, 2021 • 10:00 am EST*

# Module 3 : Mentation and Medication

June 17th, 2021



# Agenda

Age-Friendly Health Systems 4M  
Training For Healthcare Practitioners

## Module 3: Mentation and Medication

Welcome & Introduction

*Isabel Rovira, MPH*

Mentation

*Raymond Ownby, MD, PhD, MBA*

Medication

*Todd James, MD*

Q & A

# Mentation

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Dr. Kiran C. Patel College  
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# Dementia Prevention and Brain Health: Mentation

Ray Ownby, MD, PhD

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# Disclosures



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  - National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- Stock ownership
  - Enalan Communications, Inc.



# Learning Objectives



- After this presentation, participants will be able to:
  - List sources of evidence that cognitive decline may be preventable
  - List three modifiable lifestyle factors related to improved brain health
  - State two strategies for encouraging behavior change for brain health.



**01**

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**Introduction**

Why “brain health?”

**02**

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**Question**

Can dementia be prevented?

**03**

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**Analysis**

Modifiable lifestyle factors

**04**

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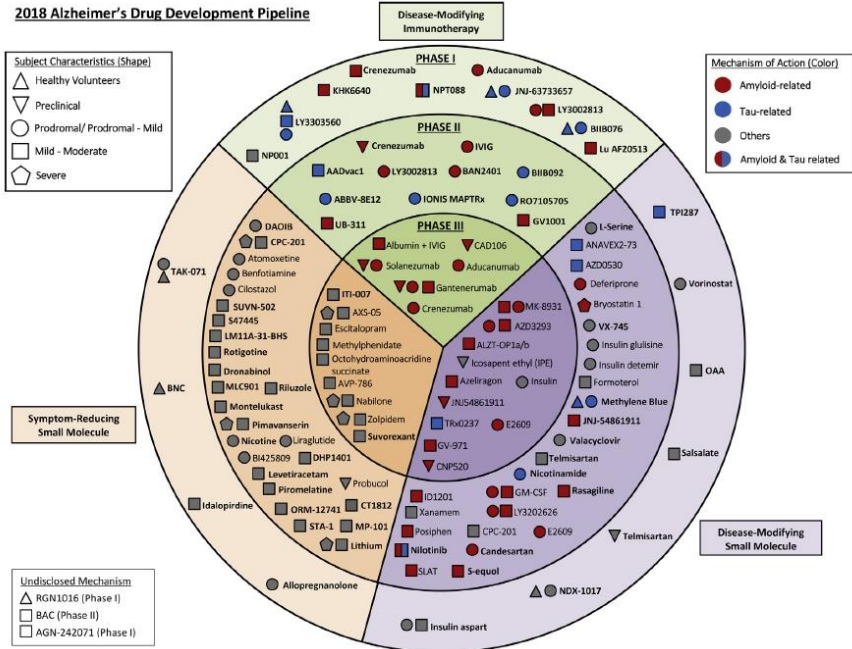
**Conclusion**

Recommendations

# Why brain health?

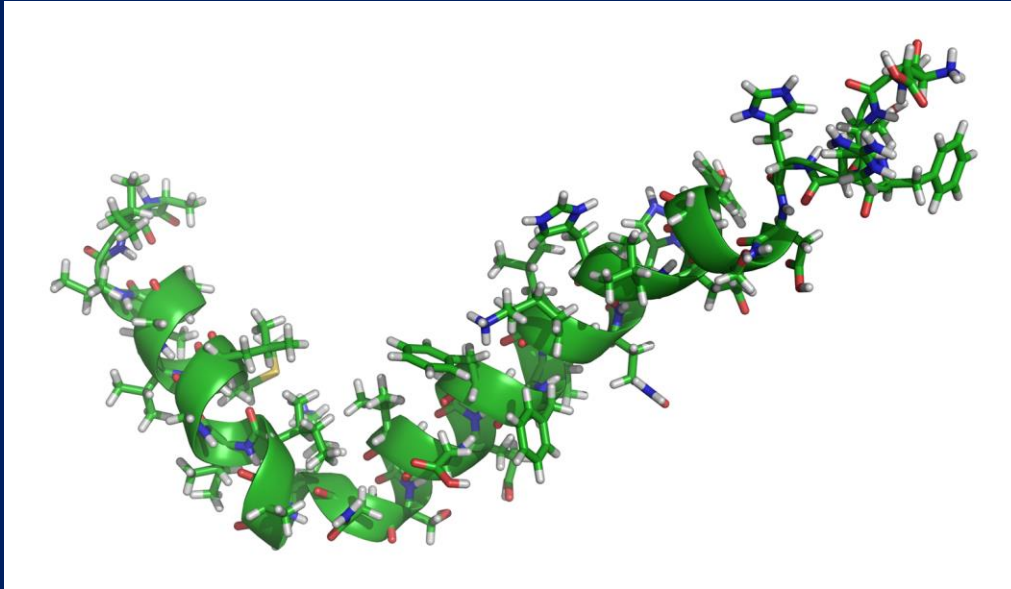


## 2018 Alzheimer's Drug Development Pipeline



# Treatments

Fig. 1. Agents in clinical trials for treatment of Alzheimer's disease in 2018 (from [clinicaltrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov) accessed January 30, 2018).



# Amyloid

## *Amyloid- $\beta$*

Changes in processing this protein are key in the pathology of Alzheimer's disease and related to cognitive function in persons without a clinical diagnosis of dementia.

# Reaction to approval

## *F.D.A. Approves Alzheimer's Drug Despite Fierce Debate Over Whether It Works*

Aducanumab, or Aduhelm, is the first new Alzheimer's treatment in 18 years and the first to attack the disease process. But some experts say there's not enough evidence it can address cognitive symptoms.

NEWS | 08 June 2021

## **Landmark Alzheimer's drug approval confounds research community**

Many scientists say there is not enough evidence that Biogen's aducanumab is an effective therapy for the disease.

## *Three F.D.A. Advisers Resign Over Agency's Approval of Alzheimer's Drug*

The drug, Aduhelm, a monthly infusion priced at \$56,000 per year, was approved this week despite weak evidence that it helps patients.

# Prevention

## **Preventing Cognitive Decline and Dementia: A Way Forward**

Committee on Preventing Dementia and Cognitive Impairment

Alan I. Leshner, Story Landis, Clare Stroud, and Autumn Downey, *Editors*

Board on Health Sciences Policy

Health and Medicine Division

*National Academy of Sciences, June, 2017*

*Also see: Interventions to prevent age-related cognitive decline, mild cognitive impairment, and clinical Alzheimer-type dementia. Agency for Health Research and Quality, Comparative Effectiveness Report Number 188, March 2017.*

Prevention

Global Health

# Nearly Half of Dementia Cases Could Be Prevented or Delayed

pairment, smoking, obesity, depression, physical inactivity, diabetes, and low social contact. Since then, the commission has reported that emerging evidence points to 3 more preventable dementia risk factors: head injuries or excessive alcohol consumption in midlife and air pollution exposure in later life.

To prevent or delay dementia, the commission by the end of 2021.

Currently, 75 wealthier countries that would pay upfront for their own doses have expressed interest in joining. Another 90 lower-income countries could participate through a financing mechanism established by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, which leads the COVAX Pillar along with the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations.

International experts have identified 12 modifiable risk factors that could prevent or delay dementia.




JAMA. 2020;324(11):1025. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.16210



# Prevention

## The Lancet Commissions

### 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, Jiska Cohen-Mansfield, Claudia Cooper, Sergi G Costafreda, Amit 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 Samus, Lon S Schneider, Geir Selbæk, Linda Teri, Naheed Mukadam*

#### Executive summary

The number of older people, including those living with dementia, is rising, as younger age mortality declines. However, the age-specific incidence of dementia has fallen in many countries, probably because of improvements in education, nutrition, health care, and lifestyle changes.

against dementia. Using hearing aids appears to reduce the excess risk from hearing loss. Sustained exercise in midlife, and possibly later life, protects from dementia, perhaps through decreasing obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular risk. Depression might be a risk for dementia, but in later life dementia might cause

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# Lancet Commission 2020

***Modifying 12 risk factors might prevent or delay up to 40% of dementias:***

## Prevention

- Prevent/treat diabetes
- Treat hypertension
- Prevent head injury
- Stop smoking
- Reduce air pollution
- Reduce midlife obesity
- Exercise
- Reduce occurrence of depression
- Avoid excessive alcohol
- Treat hearing impairment
- Social interaction
- Attain high level of education

## Prevention

# Brain Maintenance

“Brain maintenance” is the primary factor in successful cognitive aging.

Genes and lifestyle are keys.

Interventions can promote brain structure and function with increasing age.

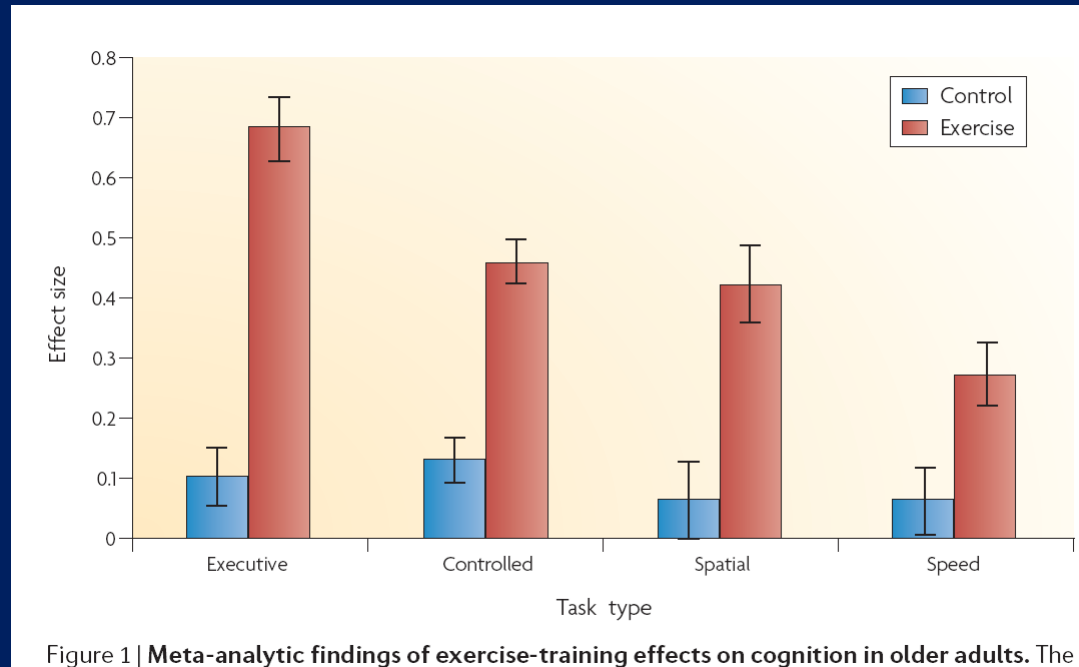
Nyberg et al. (2012) *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 16, 292-305.

# Exercise



# Meta-analysis of exercise effects on cognition

## Exercise



Hillman et al., Nat Rev Neurosci, 2008 , 9, 58-65.

# Exercise

PNAS

## Exercise training increases size of hippocampus and improves memory

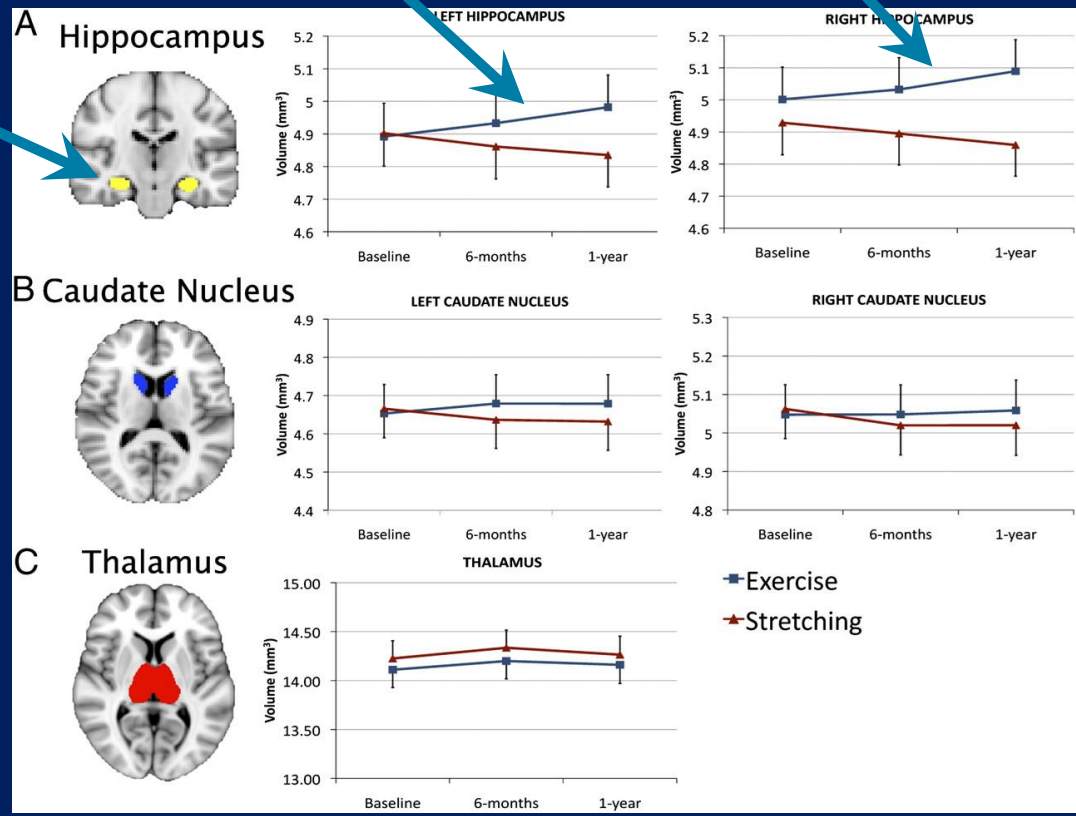
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Edited\* by Fred Gage, Salk Institute, San Diego, CA, and approved December 30, 2010 (received for review October 23, 2010)

Erickson KI et al. (2011). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 108, 3017-3022.

# Exercise



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# Diet





# Mediterranean diet

- The Mediterranean diet emphasizes olive oil, fish, cheese and yogurt, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables
- Beans, legumes, and nuts are important
- Whole grain breads and pastas



# Diet

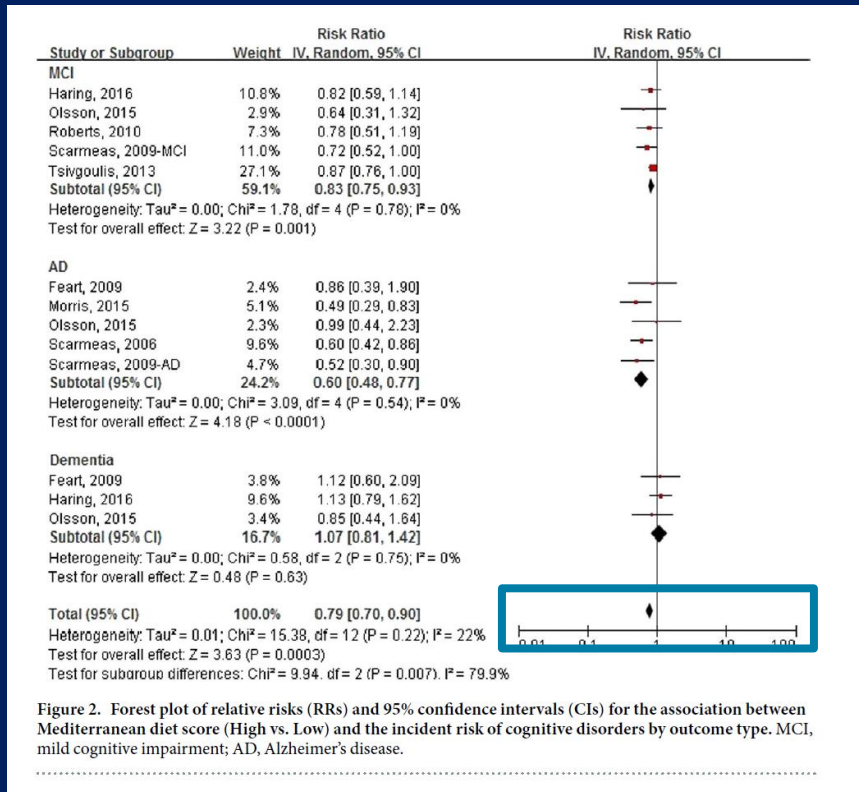


Figure 2. Forest plot of relative risks (RRs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for the association between Mediterranean diet score (High vs. Low) and the incident risk of cognitive disorders by outcome type. MCI, mild cognitive impairment; AD, Alzheimer's disease.

Wu, L. Sun, D. (2017). Adherence to Mediterranean diet and risk of developing cognitive disorders: An updated systematic review and meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies. *Scientific Reports*, 7, 41317. doi: 10.1038/srep41317 (2017).

# Sleep



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*Poor sleep linked to increased dementia risk*

Semin Neurol. 2017 Aug; 37(4): 395–406

*Slow wave sleep disruption increases cerebrospinal fluid amyloid- $\beta$  levels.*

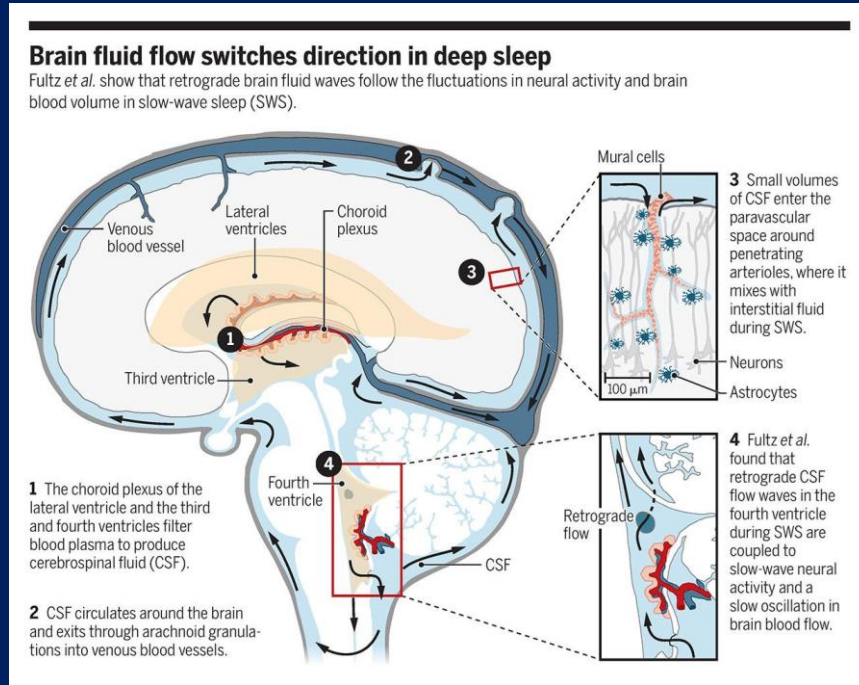
Brain. 2017 Aug; 140(8): 2104–2111

*Slow wave sleep is a promising intervention target for Alzheimer's Disease*

Front. Neurosci., 30 June 2020 <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnins.2020.00705>

# CSF Brain fluid flow switches direction in deep sleep

Sleep



Søren Grubb, and Martin Lauritzen *Science* 2019;366:572-573



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# Cognitive Training

*Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it.*

--Ferris  
Bueller



# Cognitive Training

- Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly (ACTIVE) study
- Began in 1996
- Six sites
- 2,832 participants
- National Institute on Aging
- Four groups: (1) memory, (2) reasoning, (3) speed of processing, and (4) control
- 10 sessions over 6 weeks
- Intervention for speed of processing
  - Useful Field of View

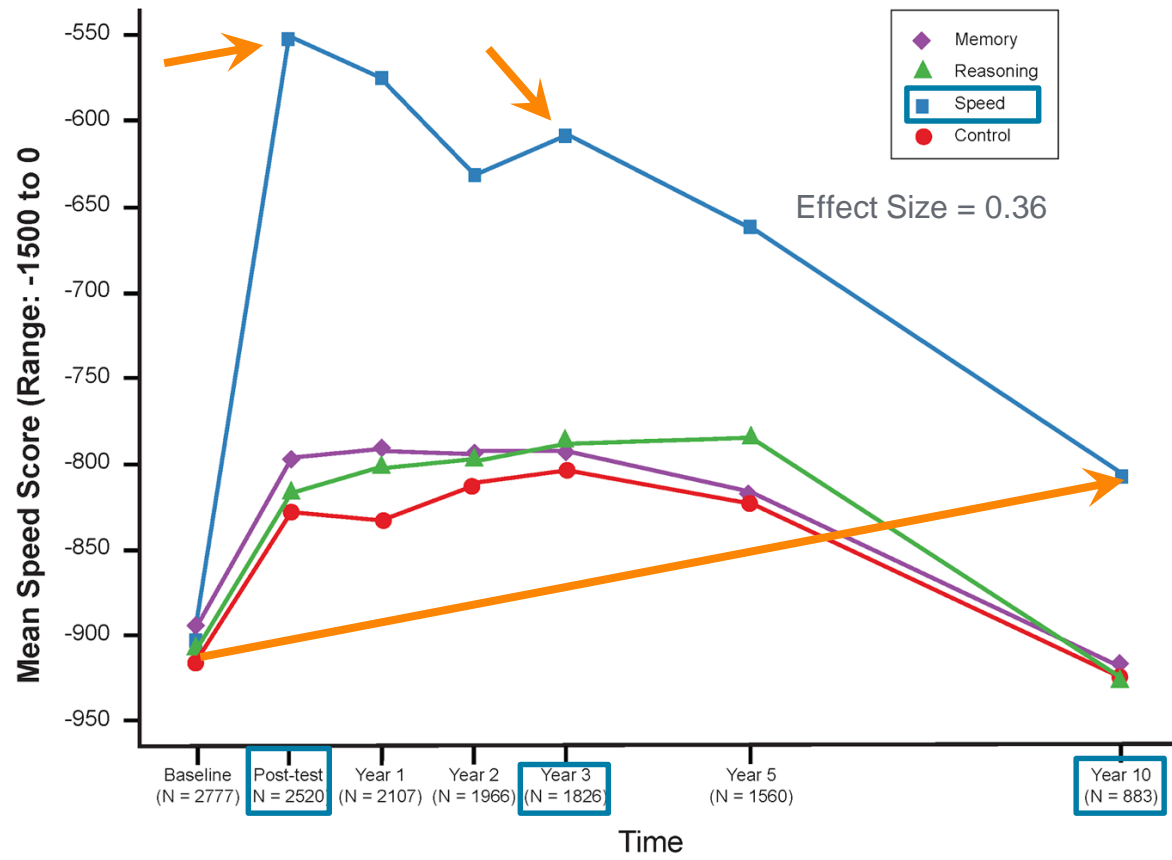


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# Risk of Developing Dementia

## Cognitive Training

## Treatment

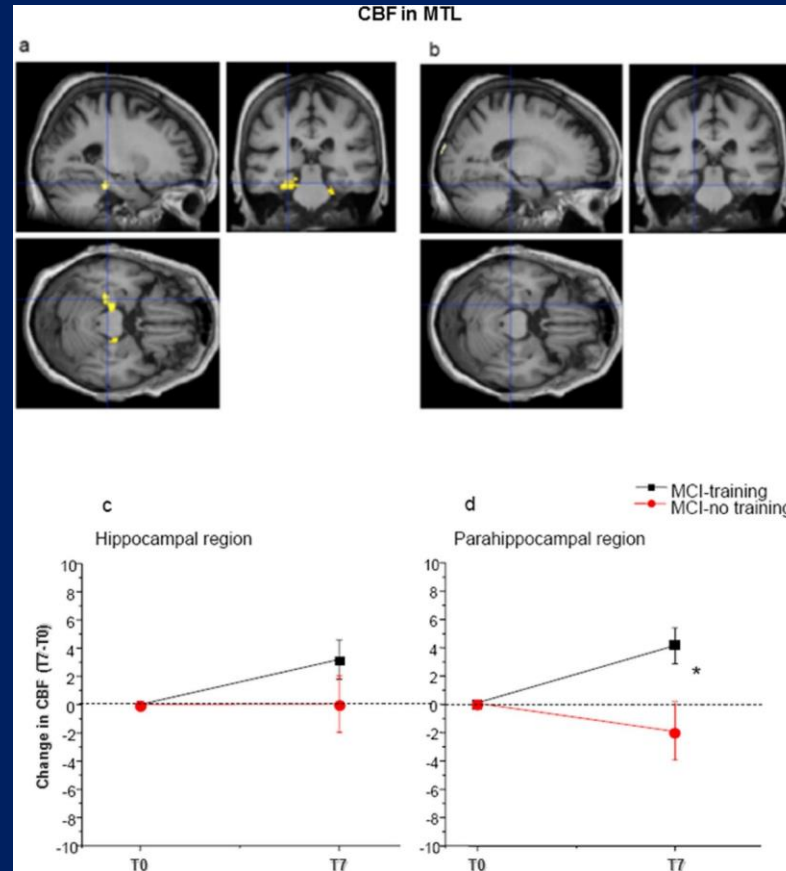
### Risk:

- 331 participants developed dementia:
  - Control: 14%
  - 10 or fewer sessions: 12.1%
  - 11 to 14 sessions: 8.2%
- Speed training associated with lower risk for dementia by 8% per session
- HR, 0.52; CI 0.33 - 0.82;  $P = .005$

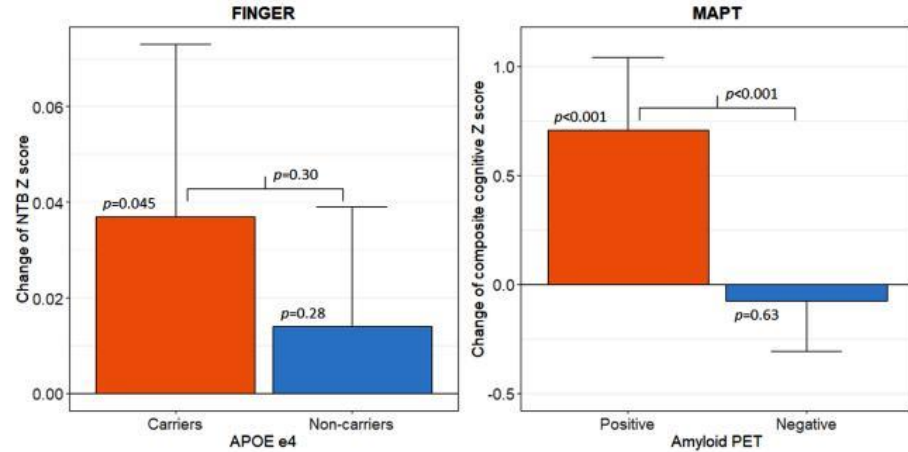
What about combining  
treatments?



Combined  
physical/cognitive  
training in aged  
MCI subjects: the  
Train the Brain  
study

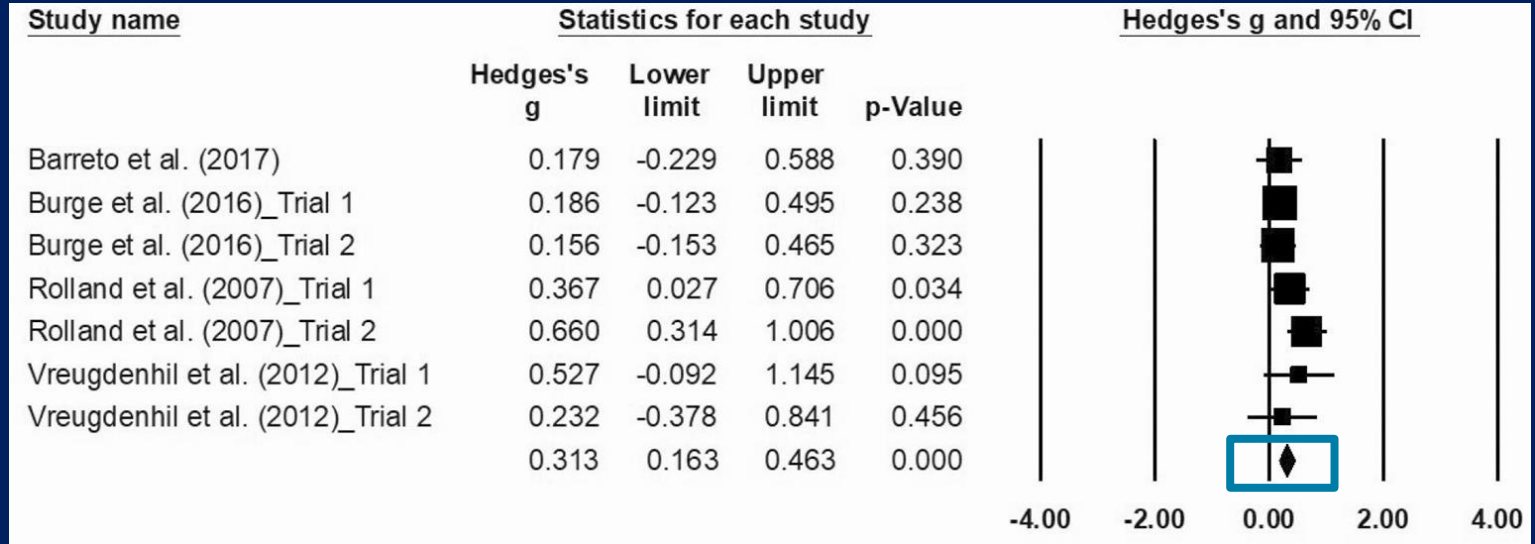


# Multicomponent interventions may interact with apo E and amyloid



**FIGURE 3** Evidence supporting the efficacy of multidomain interventions on cognitive performance in genetically and molecularly defined subgroups of participants at increased risk for dementia. Values are differences between the mean changes in intervention versus control groups (after 1 year in 1109 participants to the Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability [FINGER],<sup>20</sup> and after 3 years in 72 participants to the Multidomain Alzheimer Preventive Trial [MAPT]<sup>23</sup> study). A positive value reflects a greater effect of the experimental intervention, whereas a negative value of the control intervention (see also Table 1). The effect of intervention was significant in FINGER apolipoprotein E (APOE)  $\epsilon 4$  carriers and MAPT amyloid-positive participants, but not in FINGER APOE  $\epsilon 4$  non-carriers nor MAPT amyloid-negative participants. The interaction of intervention by APOE  $\epsilon 4$  carrier status in FINGER was not statistically significant, while amyloid positivity in MAPT was significant. Bars represent 95% confidence intervals. NTB: neuropsychological test battery

# Multicomponent interventions and ADLs



Flávia Borges-Machado, MSc, Nádia Silva, PhD, Paulo Farinatti, PhD, Roberto Poton, PhD, Óscar Ribeiro, PhD, Joana Carvalho, PhD, Effectiveness of Multicomponent Exercise Interventions in Older Adults With Dementia: A

Meta-Analysis, *The Gerontologist*, 2020; gnaa091, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaa091>.

# Putting it together



# Brain health training program

## Daily

Interventions

Aerobic exercise

Mentally stimulating activities

Meditation

Mediterranean diet

Sleep

# Brain health training program

Interventions

## Weekly

Cognitive training at least 3 times/week

Strength training at least 3 times/week



# Encouraging behavior change

## Interventions

- Motivational interviewing
  - Empathy
  - Develop discrepancy
  - Acknowledge resistance change
  - Support self-efficacy

# Encouraging behavior change

## Interventions

- Facilitate goal “SMART” goal setting
  - Specific
  - Measurable
  - Achievable
  - Relevant
  - Time specific

## Bottom line



Cognitive  
Aging and  
Dementia  
Prevention

Dementia prevention is possible through promoting brain health.

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A brain health plan should be part of a comprehensive strategy for senior health.

## Brain Health Study– enrolling now

*All procedures are  
online*

**ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:  
NCT04822129**

### *Want to Stay Sharp as You Get Older?*

- **Are you 50 or older?**
- **Are you interested in brain health?**
- **Do you want to learn more about diet, exercise, and mental training as a way to stay sharp as you get older?**

If your answers to these questions are yes, you may be eligible to participate in a research study at Nova Southeastern University.

**If you are in this study, you will be paid for your time.**

We want to find out more about ways to help people develop brain health programs that can help them stay sharp as they get older. If you are in this study, you will receive access to online cognitive assessments and cognitive training, and participate in weekly meetings with Dr. Ownby about brain health, cognitive training, and ways to stay sharp as you get older. To be in the study, you have to have a computer or tablet, an e-mail address, and an internet connection so that you can do the study online.

This study is being done by Dr. Ray Ownby at Nova Southeastern University at the Center for Collaborative Research, 3301 South University Drive, Ft. Lauderdale.

**For more information, call Rosemary Davenport, MSN, ARNP at 954-262-1804 or Dr. Ownby at 954-262-1481.**



# Brain health study (enrolling now)

## Inclusion

50 years of age or older

Interest in brain health

Interest in learning more about how to develop a personal brain health program

Have a computer or tablet with internet connection and an e-mail address



# Brain health study (enrolling now)

## Intervention

12 week study

Weekly video conferences

Cognitive assessment and free access to a commercial cognitive training site

Participants will be compensated for their time

Comparing treatment as usual with intensive behavior change support

# Cogtrastim study (enrolling now)

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# Choosing Wisely for Older Patients

Opportunities to Address  
Age Friendly Care: Medications

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Associate Professor of Medicine  
UCSF Division of Geriatrics



June 17, 2021

Disclosures

No Disclosures

# Background

- Geriatrics Consult Services
- Age-Friendly Emergency Department



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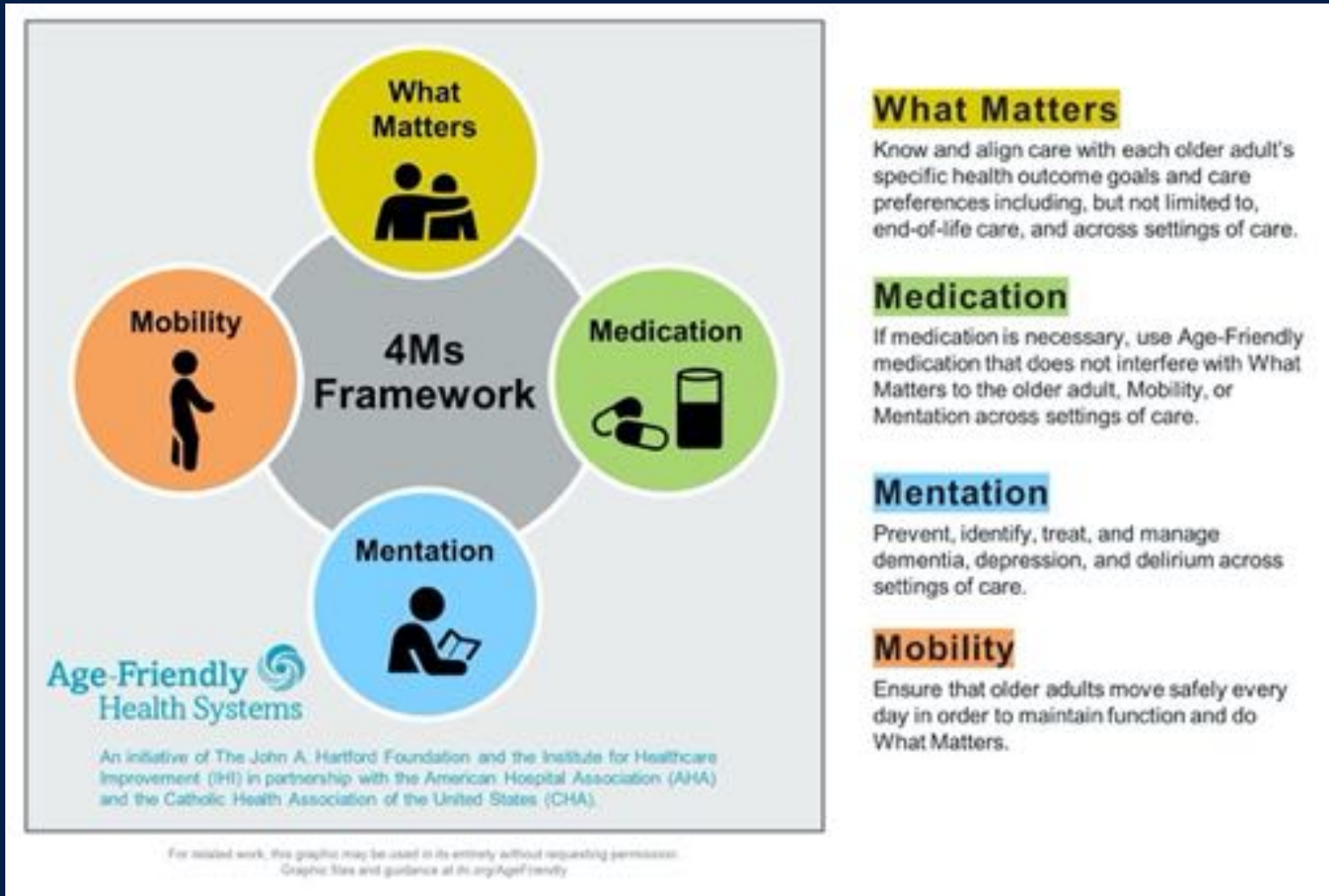


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# Age-Friendly 4M's



# Objectives

- To describe resources for identifying Potentially Inappropriate Medications
- To illustrate risks in specific clinical scenarios for older adults
- To describe evidence which alters management for common practices
- To formulate improved care plans engaging interprofessional resources

# Goal: Appropriate Medications

- Cure Disease
- Prevent Disease Progression
- Improve Symptoms
- Improve Functioning

Frequent Reality:

Sometimes Medications are Inappropriate or  
Become Inappropriate or also Underused



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# How can we identify PIMs\*

PIMs\* = Potentially Inappropriate Medications

- Choosing Wisely
- AGS Beers Criteria for PIMs
- Screening Tool for Older People's Prescriptions (STOPP)
- European Union (EU)(7)-PIM list

Hill-Taylor B, Walsh KA, Stewart S, Hayden J, Byrne S, Sketris IS. Effectiveness of the STOPP/START (Screening Tool of Older Persons' potentially inappropriate Prescriptions/Screening Tool to Alert doctors to the Right Treatment) criteria: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled studies. *J Clin Pharm Ther.* 2016 Apr;41(2):158-69.

Paul Gallagher, Denis O'Mahony, STOPP (Screening Tool of Older Persons' potentially inappropriate Prescriptions): application to acutely ill elderly patients and comparison with Beers' criteria, *Age and Ageing*, Volume 37, Issue 6, November 2008, Pages 673–679, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afn197>

From THE AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

# A POCKET GUIDE TO THE 2019 AGS BEERS CRITERIA<sup>®</sup>

PIMs =  
Potentially  
Inappropriate  
Medications

Organ System, Therapeutic Category, Drug(s)	Recommendation, Rationale, Quality of Evidence (QE), Strength of Recommendation (SR)
<b>Anticholinergics *</b>	
First-generation antihistamines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Brompheniramine</li><li>■ Carbinoxamine</li><li>■ Chlorpheniramine</li><li>■ Clemastine</li><li>■ Cyproheptadine</li><li>■ Dexbrompheniramine</li><li>■ Dexchlorpheniramine</li><li>■ Dimenhydrinate</li><li>■ Diphenhydramine (oral)</li><li>■ Doxylamine</li><li>■ Hydroxyzine</li><li>■ Meclizine</li><li>■ Promethazine</li><li>■ Pyrilamine</li><li>■ Triprolidine</li></ul>	<b>Avoid</b> Highly anticholinergic; clearance reduced with advanced age, and tolerance develops when used as hypnotic; risk of confusion, dry mouth, constipation, and other anticholinergic effects or toxicity  Use of diphenhydramine in situations such as acute treatment of severe allergic reaction may be appropriate  <i>QE = Moderate; SR = Strong</i>

# STOPP Criteria

Example

## **STOPP**

### **Bladder antimuscarinic drugs**

- with dementia
  - *risk of increased confusion, agitation*
- with chronic glaucoma
  - *risk of acute exacerbation of glaucoma*
- with chronic constipation
  - *risk of exacerbation of constipation*
- with chronic prostatism
  - *risk of urinary retention*

PIMs =  
Potentially  
Inappropriate  
Medications

# IHI lists these PIMs as Big Offenders

- Benzodiazepines
- Opioids
- Highly-anticholinergic medications
- All prescription and over-the-counter sedatives and sleep medications
- Muscle relaxants
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Antipsychotics

## Review High-Risk Medications

- Engage the older adult and caregiver in review.
- Medicare beneficiaries may be eligible for an annual comprehensive medication review.
- Medication reconciliation, part of the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit.

# ABIM Asks What may be Wiser? Choosing Wisely Program

- Specialty societies asked to identify practices that providers should question
- Care supported by evidence
- Care that is free from harm
- Care that is necessary

# American Geriatrics Society

- AGS submitted 10 practices
- Practices reviewed today reference

Medication Cascade

Antipsychotics

Benzodiazepines





Patient Stories



# Dee Prescribee



Dee fills her own pill boxes, 18 pills/day. Her daughter sees errors in pill box.



# Medication Cascade

Medications added to treat side effects of other medications

Increased risks of:

- Receiving incorrect medications
- Adverse drug reactions
- Nonadherence



# Medication Cascade

Adverse drug reactions include:

- Cognitive impairment
- Falls
- Functional decline



# Medication Cascade

- 40% of older adults take  $\geq 5$  prescriptions  
[3x more than 20 years ago]
- Add OTC's and 20% of older adults  $\geq 10$   
agents

Boyd CM, et al. *JAMA*. 2005;294(6):716-724.

Steinman MA. *Am J Geriatr Pharmacother*. 2007;5(4):314-316.

Brownlee, et al. Health Affairs Blog, May 20, 2019

# Medication Cascade

Medication Review Helps identify:

- Unnecessary medications
- Potentially harmful medications
- Underuse of medications
- Opportunities to reduce medication burden

# Context of Medication Review Matters

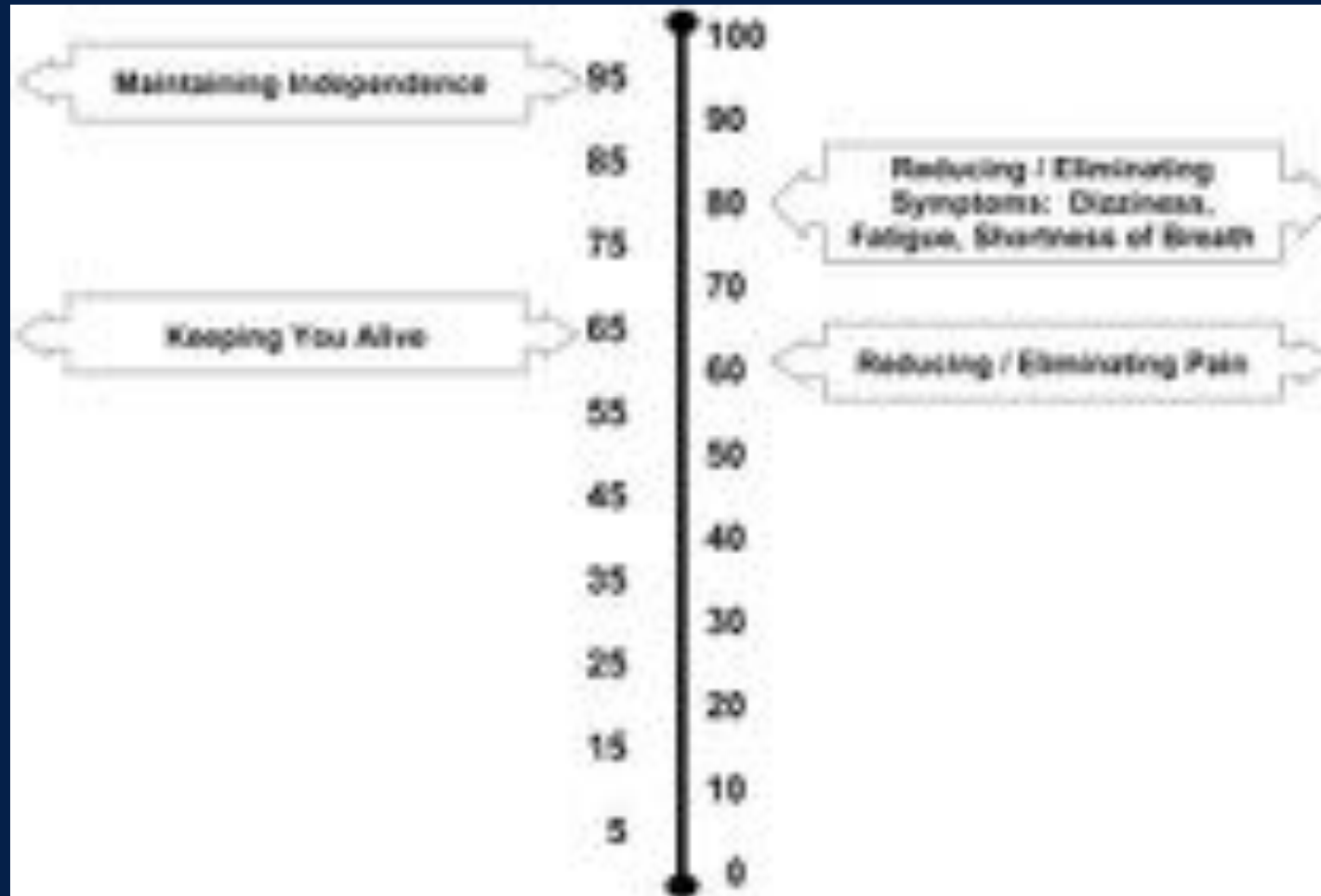
- Goals of care
- Life expectancy
- Time to benefit
- Burden of therapy
- Values/quality of life that are preferred?

--see Preferences Tool

van Summeren JJ, et al. Outcome prioritisation tool for medication review in older patients with multimorbidity: a pilot study in general practice. *Br J Gen Pract.* 2017 Jul;67(660):e501-e506.

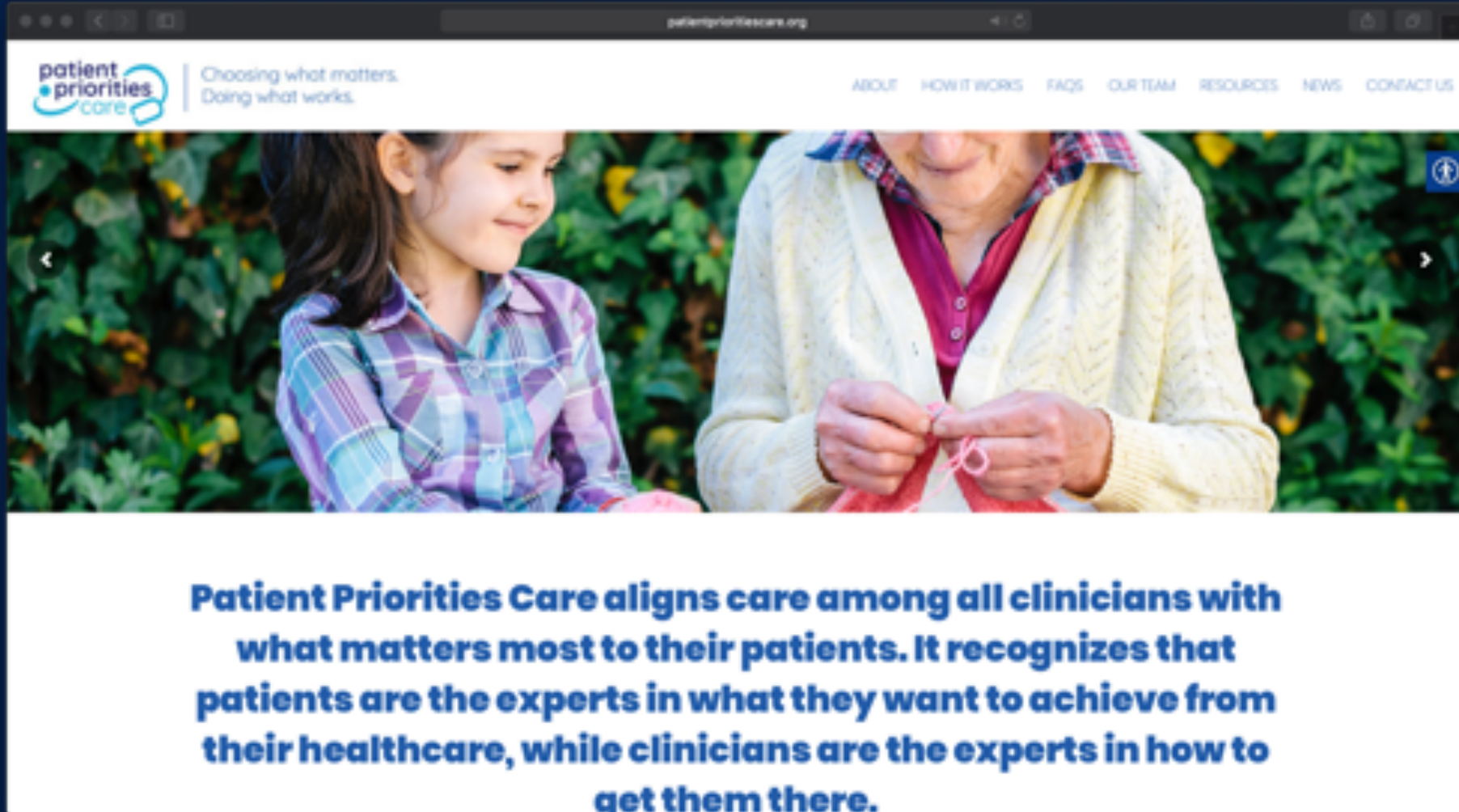
Reuben DB. Medical Care for the Final Years of Life "When You're 83, It's Not Going to Be 20 Years" *JAMA.* 2009;302(24):2686-2694.

# Preferences Tool



Fried TR, Tinetti M, Agostini J, Iannone L, Towle V. Health outcome prioritization to elicit preferences of older persons with multiple health conditions. *Patient Educ Couns.* 2011 May;83(2):278-82.

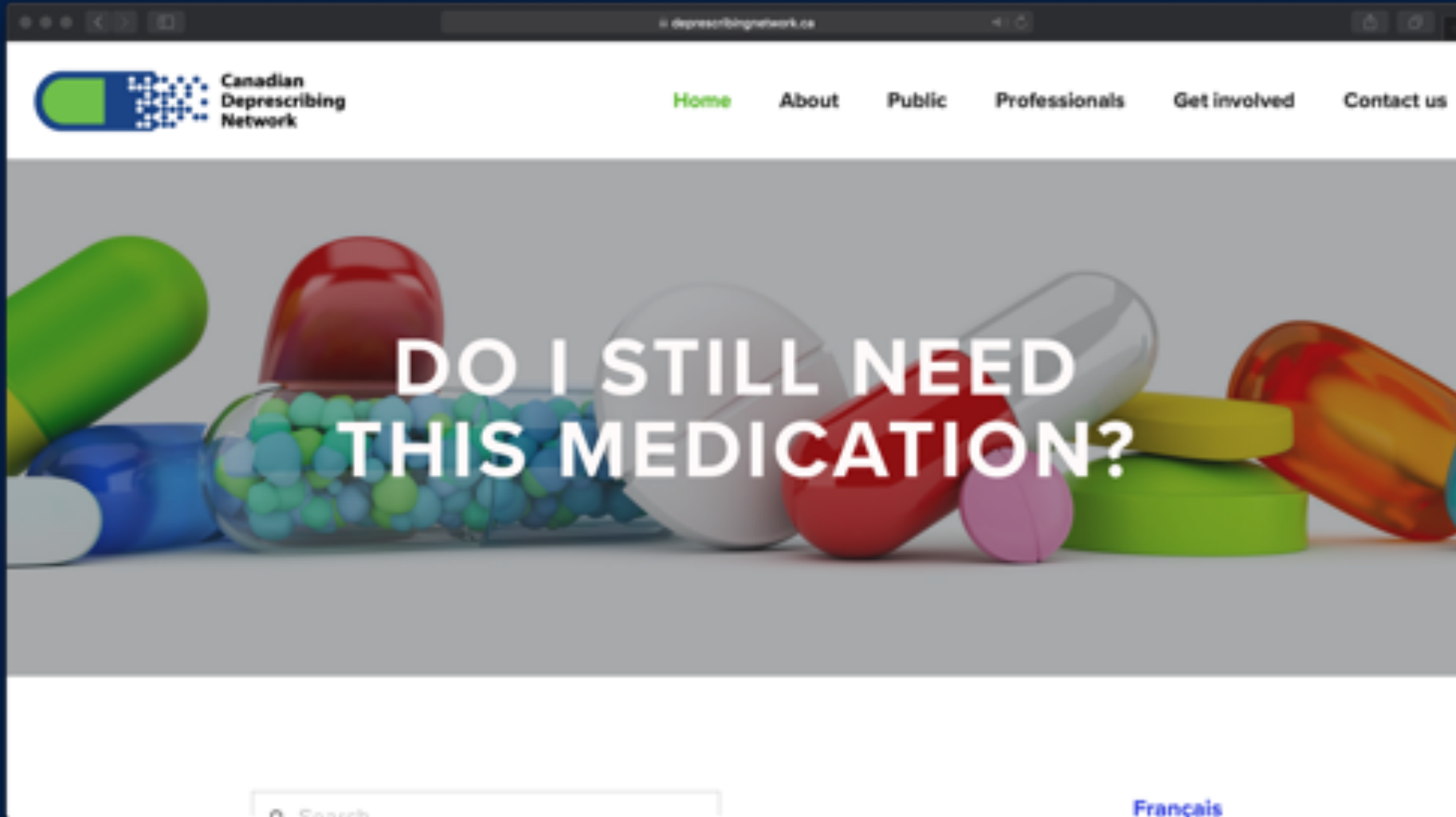
# Patient Priorities Care



The image shows a screenshot of the Patient Priorities Care website. At the top left is the logo for "patient priorities care" with the tagline "Choosing what matters. Doing what works." To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for "ABOUT", "HOW IT WORKS", "FAQS", "OUR TEAM", "RESOURCES", "NEWS", and "CONTACT US". Below the navigation is a large photograph of a young girl and an older woman sitting together outdoors, with the woman holding a piece of pink fabric. Below the photograph is a white box containing the following text:

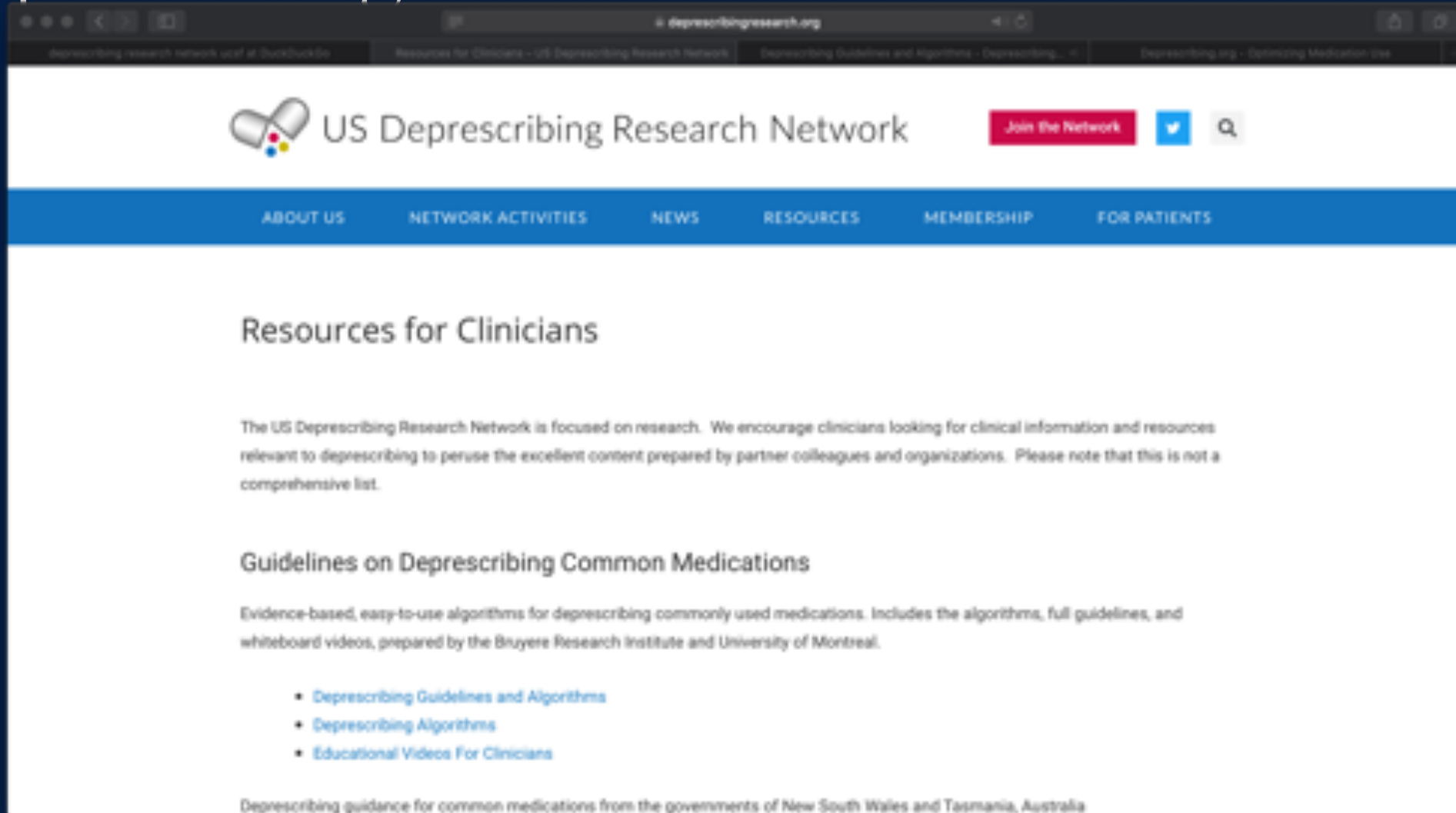
**Patient Priorities Care aligns care among all clinicians with what matters most to their patients. It recognizes that patients are the experts in what they want to achieve from their healthcare, while clinicians are the experts in how to get them there.**

# Deprescribing Canada





# Deprescribing Network



The screenshot shows the website for the US Deprescribing Research Network. The browser address bar displays 'deprescribingresearch.org'. The website header includes the logo (two overlapping pills) and the text 'US Deprescribing Research Network'. To the right of the logo is a red 'Join the Network' button, a Twitter icon, and a search icon. A blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: ABOUT US, NETWORK ACTIVITIES, NEWS, RESOURCES, MEMBERSHIP, and FOR PATIENTS. The main content area is titled 'Resources for Clinicians' and contains the following text: 'The US Deprescribing Research Network is focused on research. We encourage clinicians looking for clinical information and resources relevant to deprescribing to peruse the excellent content prepared by partner colleagues and organizations. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list.' Below this is a section titled 'Guidelines on Deprescribing Common Medications' with the text: 'Evidence-based, easy-to-use algorithms for deprescribing commonly used medications. Includes the algorithms, full guidelines, and whiteboard videos, prepared by the Bruyere Research Institute and University of Montreal.' A bulleted list of links is provided: 'Deprescribing Guidelines and Algorithms', 'Deprescribing Algorithms', and 'Educational Videos For Clinicians'. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Deprescribing guidance for common medications from the governments of New South Wales and Tasmania, Australia'.

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US Deprescribing Research Network

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## Resources for Clinicians

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Deprescribing guidance for common medications from the governments of New South Wales and Tasmania, Australia



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## PRESS RELEASE: Millions of Older Americans Harmed by Too Many Medications

Lown Institute just released [Eliminating Medication Overload: A National Action Plan](#). [more](#)



medication overload, press release



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## Medication overload and older Americans

Eliminating  
Medication  
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# Medication Cascade

- Case resolution: Dee Prescribee visits primary care team with her daughter.
- Daughter is concerned and brings large brown bag of all the bottles she can find.
- Goals discussed, time-to-benefit and values reviewed.
- Decision to prioritize vascular meds; work from med-list only; trial reduction to 7 pills

# Antipsychotics



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# Antipsychotics

- Advice: Don't use antipsychotics as first choice to treat behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.



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# Antipsychotics

- Case Study: Andy, an 89 yo man with moderately advanced dementia; he lives at home; his wife Mary watches him 24/7; he disassembles furniture, he has episodes at which he energetically attempts to leave the house; he's aggressive; Mary's friend's husband got daily Haldol for his behaviors. Mary wants to try Haldol. His last doctor gave them lorazepam.

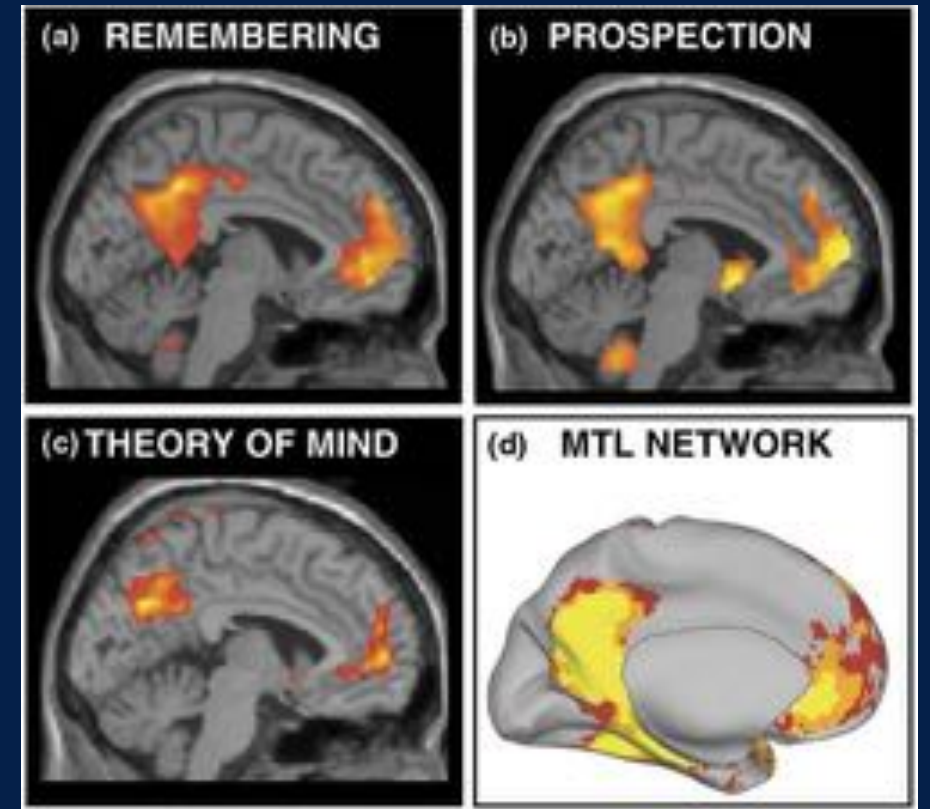


# Antipsychotics

- Mary would like a break. Can't we calm Andy?
- All dementias may exhibit behaviors: agitation, apathy, repetitive questioning, aggression, wandering, sleep problems, inappropriate behaviors, resistance to care.
- Have you seen these?

# Antipsychotics

- Antipsychotics are often prescribed
- Yet, provide little benefit and can cause harm
- What is efficacy of antipsychotics?





# Antipsychotics

- No efficacy for behaviors. Sedation.
- Worsening cognitive function, lower urinary tract symptoms
- Increased risk of death, stroke, extrapyramidal symptoms (NNH=10 for olanzapine)
- Off-label

Maher AR, Maglione M, Bagley S, Suttrop M, Hu JH, Ewing B, Wang Z, Timmer M, Sultzer D, Shekelle PG. Efficacy and comparative effectiveness of atypical antipsychotic medications for off-label uses in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *JAMA*. 2011 Sep 28;306(12):1359-69. doi: 10.1001/jama.2011.1360. Review. Erratum in: *JAMA*. 2012 Jan 11;307(2):147. PubMed PMID: 21954480.

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# Antipsychotics

- For Andy – he's at baseline
- What is diagnosis? Need history and evaluation.
- What other dx & drugs may be adding symptoms: anticholinergics (TylenolPM), sedatives, narcotics, hypnotics
- Seems like: Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.

# Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia

## Common problems (of most concern to caregivers)

Repetitive questioning

Argumentativeness

Toileting issues

Upset, agitated, restless

Refusing care

Awake at night

Verbal aggression

Wandering

# Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia

<b>Common problems (of most concern to caregivers)</b>	<b>Solutions</b>
Repetitive questioning	Expect to provide repetitive answers. Re-orient.
Argumentativeness	Agree. Model behavior. Avoid debating.
Toileting issues	Timed voiding.
Upset, agitated, restless	Daytime activity and structure. Provide pet? Be calm.
Refusing care	Be flexible. Relax rules so long as safe.
Awake at night	Establish routines. Hire overnight coverage. Avoid bedtime beverages and caffeine.
Verbal aggression	Distract. Redirect. Identify and avoid antecedents.
Wandering	Daytime exercise and activity. Safety-proof walkways.

# DICE Addresses Undesirable Behaviors

- Describe, Investigate, Create, and Evaluate (DICE), created by a national multidisciplinary panel of experts in dementia care, based on the current evidence as well as clinical experience.

# DICE model for behavioral problems in dementia

- Describe situations where problem behaviors occur
- Investigate problems that might combine with these factors and lead to behavioral issues
- Create a plan to prevent/respond to behavioral issues
- Evaluate how the plan is working and change it if needed

# Guiding the Caregiver in Managing the Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia



The screenshot shows the Amazon product page for the book "The DICE Approach: Guiding the Caregiver in Managing the Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia". The page features the Amazon logo, a search bar, and navigation links. A green banner at the top right promotes "Deals on great reads for 2020". The book cover is displayed on the left, showing the title and authors. The right side of the page contains the book's title, authors, a 5-star rating, and pricing information for the paperback edition. A description of the book is provided below the pricing, highlighting its international recognition and evidence-based approach. A "Read more" link is also present.

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**The DICE Approach: Guiding the Caregiver in Managing the Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia** Paperback – January 4, 2019

by Helen C. Kales MD (Author), Laura N. Gitlin PhD (Author), Constantine G. Lyketsos MD MHS (Author)

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Internationally renowned and now available to the public! The DICE Approach™ is the leading evidence-informed method for assessing and managing the behavioral symptoms of dementia. The creators of The DICE Approach™ have written an easy-to-understand and use manual to help guide family or facility caregivers through the use of the method.

There are an estimated 16 million informal (family or friend) caregivers of people living with dementia in the US and those numbers will increase rapidly as baby boomers age. While dementia is often thought of

See this image

# Antipsychotics

- Case resolution
- For support, wife asks family members to schedule themselves for supervision and activity shifts on a calendar. They found he likes to disassemble Legos and is not bothered by someone assembling Lego blocks. Doors are locked with key locks and keys are kept by his wife. Sign on door that Train Line is on strike.





# Benzodiazepines



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# Benzodiazepines

Advice:

Don't use benzodiazepines or other sedative-hypnotics in older adults as first choice for insomnia, agitation or delirium.



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# Benzodiazepines

- Case study: Bennie Zapine, an 84 yo woman moved to assisted living and wants to sleep at 9:30PM. Everyone else does! She was an RN and worked 2<sup>nd</sup> shift; never in adult life went to bed before 1AM. Her husband always sent the kids to school. She wants a prescription!

# A common problem

- Chronic sleep problem: 57% of older adults
- Alprazolam and zolpidem among top 20 prescriptions in US
- Used by 12% of community-dwelling elderly, 13% of nursing home residents

# Observational data

- Motor vehicle accidents
  - 1.6-fold increase (95% CI, 1.29–1.97)
- Crashes requiring hospitalization
  - 5.3-fold increase (95% CI, 3.6–7.9)
  - Comparable to a blood alcohol level at the legal limit

# Observational data

- Falls leading to hospitalization and death
  - 1.83-fold increase (95% CI, 1.10–3.06)

# Observational data



Hip fractures

3.11-fold increase (95% CI, 1.96–4.91)

Risk greater with zolpidem

*“Wake up refreshed and recharged.”*

“Patients who take insomnia drugs can experience impairment of mental alertness the morning after use, even if they feel fully awake.”

FDA 1/10/13



# Randomized trials

- 24 RCTs, 2,417 participants, mean age  $\geq 60$ , sedatives for  $\geq 5$  nights

## Adverse Events

- Memory loss, confusion, disorientation
  - 4.78-fold increase (95% CI, 1.47–15.5)

# Adverse events

- Daytime fatigue
  - 3.82-fold increase (95% CI, 1.88–7.80)
- Dizziness, loss of balance, falls
  - 2.61-fold increase (95% CI, 1.12–6.09)

# Effectiveness in older adults

- Improved sleep quality: 0.11 pts (7-point scale)
  - Increased sleep time: 25 minutes (95% CI, 12.8–37.8)
  - Decreased night-time awakenings: –0.63 (95% CI, –0.48 to –0.77)

# Benefits versus harms

- NNT: 13 (95% CI, 6.7–62.9)
- NNH: 6 (95% CI, 4.7–7.1)
- Adverse event more than twice as likely as improved sleep

# Cognitive-behavioral therapy

- More effective and durable than drug therapy for late-life insomnia
  - No adverse effects

# Two exceptions

- Sedative-hypnotics are useful for:
  - Alcohol withdrawal/delirium tremens
  - Severe generalized anxiety disorder

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## Insomnia-Curbing Apps Are Beginning To Use Actual Cognitive Therapy



Carolyn Burke

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The screenshot shows the App Store preview for the CBT-i Coach app. At the top, there are navigation links for Mac, iPad, iPhone, Watch, TV, Music, and Support. The app is titled "CBT-i Coach" by the "US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)". It has a 4.5-star rating from 34 ratings and is free. Below the app icon, there are four iPhone screenshots showing the app's interface: a main menu with "My Sleep", "Tools", "Learn", and "Reminders"; a "Quiet Your Mind" screen with relaxation exercises; a "Sleep Diary" screen with a progress bar and a reminder; and an "Edit Entry" screen for a sleep diary entry.

### App Store Preview

This app is available only on the App Store for iPhone and iPad.



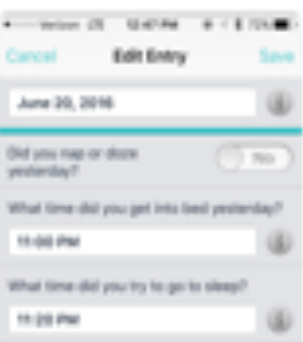
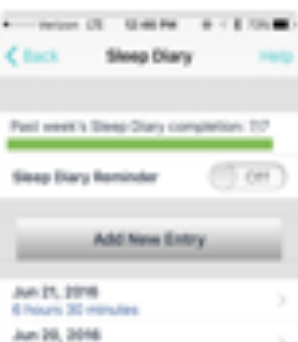
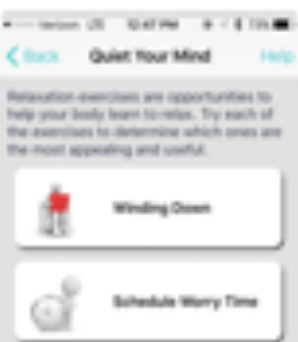
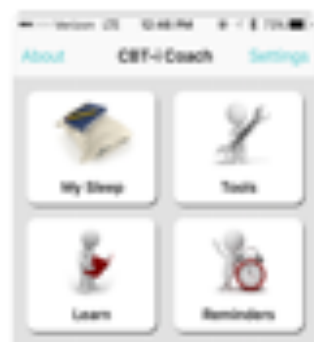
### CBT-i Coach

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

★★★★ 34 Ratings

Free

### iPhone Screenshots



# Benzodiazepines

- Case resolution for Benny Zapine
- We advised of risks and described our unwillingness to give sedative hypnotic, since harms were more likely than benefit.
- Reviewed prior sleep patterns, sleep hygiene, re-setting with alarm clock – every time she came to clinic – offer CBT-i coach app



# What is Wiser for Medications?

- Recognize some practices that we should question
- Care that is supported by evidence
- Care that is free from harm
- Care that is beneficial



## Summary

- Medication Cascade: Dee Prescribee
- Antipsychotics: Andy
- Benzodiazepines: Bennie Zapine



# Returning to Our Objectives

- We reviewed rationales for identifying Potentially Inappropriate Medications (Beers, STOPP, Choosing Wisely initiative)
- We illustrated risks inherent in specific clinical scenarios
- We described evidence which alters clinical choices for common practices
- We formulated improved care plans engaging interprofessional resources



# Questions

Thank you!

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## Questions?

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## Module 1: Introduction to Age-Friendly Health Systems

• Thursday, June 3, 2021 • 10:00 am EST



## Module 2: Deep Dives – What Matters Most & Mobility

• Thursday, June 10, 2021 • 10:00 am EST



## Module 3: Deep Dives – Mentation & Medication

• Thursday, June 17, 2021 • 10:00 am EST



## Module 4: Putting it All Together

• Thursday, June 24, 2021 • 10:00 am EST

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## Thank you!

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