

CONSENSUS AGREEMENT (STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE) REACHED ON PIMS BY CONDITION OR SCENARIOS



Condition or scenario	Medicine or medicine class	Avoid this medicine or medicine class in older people with these conditions	Instead of prescribing this medicine or class of medicines for older people, consider these alternatives
At risk of extrapyramidal reactions	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine • Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine • Risperidone • Nonpharmacological strategies
Cardiovascular disease	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol
	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac 	• Paracetamol
	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine • Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine • Risperidone • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
Cerebrovascular diseases	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine • Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine • Risperidone • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
Chronic kidney disease	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin • Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac 	• Paracetamol
	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paracetamol • Celecoxib
	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	• N/A
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glibenclamide • N/A • Metformin
Chronic pain	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glimepiride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gliclazide • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin) • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine • Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy • Paracetamol • Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Tricyclic antidepressants (imipramine, clomipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, doxepin and dosulepin [dothiepin])	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxepin • Dosulepin (Dothiepin) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram and paroxetine) • Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g. duloxetine) • Mirtazapine
	Benzodiazepines, medium-acting (bromazepam and lorazepam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bromazepam • Lorazepam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
Cognitive impairment	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine • Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine • Risperidone • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)

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Constipation	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	• Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine)	
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	• Melatonin • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene)	
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• NSAIDs
Dependence	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	• Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine • Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene • Doxepin	• Physiotherapy • Paracetamol	• Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Tricyclic antidepressants (imipramine, clomipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, doxepin and dosulepin [dothiepin])	• Dosulepin (dothiepin)	• Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram and paroxetine) • Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g. duloxetine) • Mirtazapine	
Dehydration	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	• Metformin • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin)	• Gliclazide • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)
Falls	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	• Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine • Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene	• Physiotherapy • Paracetamol	• Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	• Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)	• Temazepam • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	• Melatonin	• Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene)
Epilepsy	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• NSAIDs
Hypertension	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	• Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)	• Temazepam • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Benzodiazepines, medium-acting (bromazepam and iorazepam)	• Bromazepam • Lorazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	• Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine • Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene	• Physiotherapy • Paracetamol	• Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Antipsychotics (olanzapine, quetiapine, amisulpride, ziprasidone, lurasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole and paliperidone)	• Olanzapine	• Quetiapine • Risperidone	
	Tricyclic antidepressants (imipramine, clomipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, doxepin and dosulepin [dothiepin])	• Doxepin • Dosulepin (dothiepin)	• Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram and paroxetine) • Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g. duloxetine) • Mirtazapine	
	Benzodiazepine, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	• Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine • Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol	• Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine	• Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga) • Risperidone
	Antihypertensives centrally acting (methyldopa, clonidine and moxonidine)	• Methyldopa	• ACE-inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan) • Thiazide diuretics (e.g. hydrochlorothiazide)	

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	Alpha-adrenoreceptor antagonists (prazosin)	• Prazosin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan) Calcium channel blockers (e.g. amlodipine and diltiazem) Silodosin Tamsulosin 		
	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		
	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine) 		
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melatonin Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene) 		
	Benzodiazepine (clonazepam)	• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melatonin 		
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• NSAIDs	
	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metformin Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gliclazide Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin) 	
Frailty	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metformin Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin, saxagliptin) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gliclazide Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin) 	
	Antiemetics – dopamine antagonist (chlorpromazine, domperidone, metoclopramide and prochlorperazine)	• Chlorpromazine • Prochlorperazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ondansetron Domperidone 		
	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diclofenac Indomethacin Ibuprofen Ketoprofen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piroxicam Meloxicam Ketorolac 	• Paracetamol	
	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paracetamol Celecoxib 		
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pethidine Fentanyl Codeine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydromorphone Dextropropoxyphene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy Paracetamol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxycodone Buprenorphine
	Tricyclic antidepressants (imipramine, clomipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, doxepin and dosulepin [dothiepin])	• Doxepin • Dosulepin (dothiepin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram and paroxetine) Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g. duloxetine) Mirtazapine 		
	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxazepam Melatonin (for indication of sleep) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temazepam Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga) 	
	Benzodiazepines, medium-acting (bromazepam and lorazepam)	• Bromazepam • Lorazepam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) Melatonin (for indication of sleep) Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga) 		
	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) Melatonin (for indication of sleep) Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga) 		
	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haloperidol Zuclopentixol Trifluoperazine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thioridazine Periciazine Flupentixol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) Quetiapine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risperidone Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Antihypertensives centrally acting (methyldopa, clonidine, moxonidine)	• Methyldopa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan) Thiazide diuretics (e.g. hydrochlorothiazide) 		

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	Alpha-adrenoreceptor antagonists (prazosin)	• Prazosin	• ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan)	• Calcium channel blockers (e.g. amlodipine and diltiazem) • Silodosin • Tamsulosin
	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	• Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine)	
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	• N/A	
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	• Melatonin • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene)	
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol • NSAIDs	
Heart failure	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	• Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin • Ketorolac • Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam	• Paracetamol	
	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol • Celecoxib	
Increased risk of bleeding	Antiemetics – dopamine antagonist (chlorpromazine, domperidone, metoclopramide and prochlorperazine)	• Chlorpromazine • Prochlorperazine	• Ondansetron • Domperidone	
	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	• Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin • Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac	• Paracetamol	
	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol • Celecoxib	
	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	• N/A	
	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	• Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin • Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac	• Paracetamol	
	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol • Celecoxib	
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	• N/A	
Initial dose adverse effects	Alpha-adrenoreceptor antagonists (prazosin)	• Prazosin	• ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan)	• Calcium channel blockers (e.g. amlodipine and diltiazem) • Silodosin • Tamsulosin
Irregular diet	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	• Metformin • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin)	• Gliclazide • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)
Lewy body dementia	Antiemetics – dopamine antagonist (chlorpromazine, domperidone, metoclopramide and prochlorperazine)	• Chlorpromazine • Prochlorperazine	• Ondansetron • Domperidone	
Long-term use	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol • Celecoxib	
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	• Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine • Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene	• Physiotherapy • Paracetamol	• Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Antipsychotics (olanzapine, quetiapine, amisulpride, ziprasidone, lurasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole and paliperidone)	• Olanzapine	• Quetiapine	• Risperidone

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	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	• Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)	• Temazepam • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	• Melatonin • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene)	
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol • NSAIDs	
Metabolic syndromes (e.g. high blood pressure and high blood sugar)	Antipsychotics (olanzapine, quetiapine, amisulpride, ziprasidone, lurasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole and paliperidone)	• Olanzapine	• Quetiapine • Risperidone	
Multimorbidity	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	• Metformin • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin)	• Gliclazide • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)
	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	• Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin	• Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac	• Paracetamol
	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	• N/A	
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	• N/A	
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol • NSAIDs	
Neurodegenerative diseases (e.g. alzheimer disease, cognitive impairment)	Antiemetics – dopamine antagonist (chlorpromazine, domperidone, metoclopramide and prochlorperazine)	• Chlorpromazine • Prochlorperazine	• Ondansetron • Domperidone	
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	• Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine	• Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene	• Physiotherapy • Paracetamol • Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Antipsychotics (olanzapine, quetiapine, amisulpride, ziprasidone, lurasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole and paliperidone)	• Olanzapine	• Quetiapine • Risperidone	
	Tricyclic antidepressants (imipramine, clomipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, doxepin and dosulepin [dothiepin])	• Doxepin • Dosulepin (dothiepin)	• Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram and paroxetine) • Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g. duloxetine) • Mirtazapine	
	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	• Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)	• Temazepam • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Benzodiazepines, medium-acting (bromazepam and lorazepam)	• Bromazepam • Lorazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	• Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine	• Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol	• Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine • Risperidone • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	• Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine)	
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	Benzodiazepine (clonazepam)	• N/A	• Melatonin		
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol		
Parkinson disease	Antiemetics – dopamine antagonist (chlorpromazine, domperidone, metoclopramide and prochlorperazine)	• Chlorpromazine • Prochlorperazine	• Ondansetron • Domperidone		
Peptic ulcer disease	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	• Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin	• Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac	• Paracetamol	
	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	• N/A		
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	• N/A		
Polypharmacy	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	• Metformin • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin)	• Gliclazide • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)	
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	Antipsychotics (olanzapine, quetiapine, amisulpride, ziprasidone, lurasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole and paliperidone)	• Olanzapine	• Quetiapine • Risperidone		
	Tricyclic antidepressants (imipramine, clomipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, doxepin and dosulepin [dothiepin])	• Doxepin • Dosulepin (Dothiepin)	• Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram, paroxetine) • Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g. duloxetine) • Mirtazapine		
	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	• Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)	• Temazepam • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
	Benzodiazepines, medium-acting (bromazepam and lorazepam)	• Bromazepam • Lorazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)		
	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)		
	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	• Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine	• Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol	• Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine	• Risperidone • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	• N/A		
	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	• Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine)		
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	• Melatonin • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene)		
	Benzodiazepine (clonazepam)	• N/A	• Melatonin		
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol • NSAIDs		

Condition or scenario	Medicine or medicine class	Avoid this medicine or medicine class in older people with these conditions	Instead of prescribing this medicine or class of medicines for older people, consider these alternatives	
Poor blood pressure control	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	• N/A	
Poor renal function	NSAIDs, nonselective (indomethacin, diclofenac, ketorolac, piroxicam, meloxicam, ibuprofen, naproxen, ketoprofen and mefenamic acid)	• Diclofenac • Indomethacin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin	• Ketoprofen • Piroxicam • Meloxicam • Ketorolac	• Paracetamol
	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• Celecoxib
	Opioids (morphine, pethidine, fentanyl, dextropropoxyphene, buprenorphine and codeine)	• Pethidine • Fentanyl • Codeine	• Hydromorphone • Dextropropoxyphene	• Physiotherapy • Paracetamol • Oxycodone • Buprenorphine
	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	• Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam	• Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)	
Risk of hypotension	Oral anticoagulant – Factor Xa inhibitors (apixaban and rivaroxaban)	• Rivaroxaban	• N/A	
	Oral anticoagulant – direct thrombin inhibitors (dabigatran)	• Dabigatran	• N/A	
	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• NSAIDs
	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	• Glibenclamide • Glimepiride	• Metformin • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin)	• Gliclazide • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)
	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	• Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)	• Temazepam • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Antihypertensives centrally acting (methyldopa, clonidine and moxonidine)	• Methyldopa	• ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan) • Thiazide diuretics (e.g. hydrochlorothiazide)	
	Alpha-adrenoceptor antagonists (prazosin)	• Prazosin	• ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan)	• Calcium channel blockers (e.g. amlodipine and diltiazem) • Silodosin • Tamsulosin
Risk of seizures	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• NSAIDs
Taking ACE inhibitors and diuretics	NSAIDs, selective (celecoxib and etoricoxib)	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• Celecoxib
Taking anticholinergic medications	Antipsychotics (haloperidol, zuclopentixol, trifluoperazine, thioridazine, periciazine and flupentixol)	• Haloperidol • Zuclopentixol • Trifluoperazine	• Thioridazine • Periciazine • Flupentixol	• Atypical antipsychotics (e.g. olanzapine and clozapine) • Quetiapine
	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	• Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine)	
	Genito-urinary anticholinergics (dxybutynin, propantheline, tolterodine and solifenacina)	• Oxybutynin	• N/A	
Taking antidepressant medications	Tramadol	• N/A	• Paracetamol	• NSAIDs
Taking other antihypertensive medications	Antihypertensives centrally acting (methyldopa, clonidine and moxonidine)	• Methyldopa	• ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan) • Thiazide diuretics (e.g. hydrochlorothiazide)	

Condition or scenario	Medicine or medicine class	Avoid this medicine or medicine class in older people with these conditions	Instead of prescribing this medicine or class of medicines for older people, consider these alternatives
	Alpha-adrenoreceptor antagonists (prazosin)	• Prazosin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACE inhibitors (e.g. enalapril and lisinopril) • Angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g. candesartan and irbesartan)
Taking other medications with sedative properties	Sedating antihistamines (diphenhydramine, doxylamine, dexchlorpheniramine, pheniramine, promethazine, cyclizine, chlorpheniramine and cyproheptadine)	• Promethazine	• Nonsedating antihistamines (e.g. fexofenadine)
	Z-drugs (zolpidem and zopiclone)	• N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melatonin • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. sleep hygiene)
	Benzodiazepine (clonazepam)	• N/A	• Melatonin
	Benzodiazepines, short-acting (alprazolam, oxazepam and temazepam)	• Alprazolam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxazepam • Melatonin (for indication of sleep)
	Benzodiazepines, medium-acting (bromazepam and lorazepam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bromazepam • Lorazepam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
	Benzodiazepines, long-acting (clobazam, clonazepam, diazepam, flunitrazepam and nitrazepam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clonazepam • Flunitrazepam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-acting benzodiazepine (e.g. oxazepam) • Melatonin (for indication of sleep) • Nonpharmacological strategies (e.g. yoga)
When nonpharmacological method has not been tried adequately	Antipsychotics (olanzapine, quetiapine, amisulpride, ziprasidone, lurasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole and paliperidone)	• Olanzapine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quetiapine • Risperidone
With other glucose-lowering medications	Sulfonylureas (glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide and glimepiride)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glibenclamide • Glimepiride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metformin • Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (sitagliptin and saxagliptin)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gliclazide • Sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor (dapagliflozin)

Abbreviations: ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; N/A, not applicable; NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; PIM, potentially inappropriate medicine.