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The Center for Excellence in Assisted Living (CEAL) and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) are pleased to partner with MED-PASS, Inc. in developing this important resource for assisted living and nursing home medication technicians (aides). This pocket guide was developed to provide technicians with a medication administration reference with practical information they could conveniently carry around with them in a pocket. We hope this Medication Administration Pocket Guide will assist you in caring for the residents you serve.

Medications and Older Adults

A number of medications have been found to be potentially inappropriate for use in older adults due to side effects, adverse effects, and other problems with these medications. When one of your residents is taking a medication and you notice changes in the resident such as: confusion; dizziness; more sleepiness than usual; and lack of interest in usual activities, report these changes to your supervisor or nurse immediately.

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