

PACE Case: When Citalopram 20mg ≠ 20mg



An 82 y/o PACE participant was discharged from the hospital with three new psychiatric medications. This participant was discharged on the maximum geriatric recommended dose of citalopram: 20mg, but the pharmacist realized that this participant would end up with higher plasma concentrations than anticipated, due to "kinetic boosting" via competitive inhibition.

[Click here for the full case and clinical pharmacist intervention.](#)

Quote of the Month

"I am so impressed by the professionalism and customer focus that I see with CareKinesis associates. In addition, you provide us with excellent data and suggestions."

- Anthony Buividas
CEO, LIFE
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

4/16 Webinar: Med Room Management & Workflow

PACE managers are invited to attend **Medication Room Management & Workflow: Case Studies for Success** on **April 16 at 3pm ET**. Webinar participants will learn:

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- Optimal allocation of employees involved in the medication management process at different stages of program growth;
- Strategies for managing medications administered in the center;
- Risk mitigation techniques that address home administration; and
- Measures that can be used to track for success in the area of medication management.

Presenters:

Judy Draper, MSN, CRNP - Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner, Case Manager and Care Transitions Coordinator, LIFE UPenn

Keith Howell, BSHM, LPN, CPhT - Medication Department Manager, Senior Community Care - Colorado

Carlos Perez, MSN, RN-BC - VP Client Outcomes, CareKinesis Inc.

To attend this webinar, email RSVP@CareKinesis.com.

Falls & the PACE Population

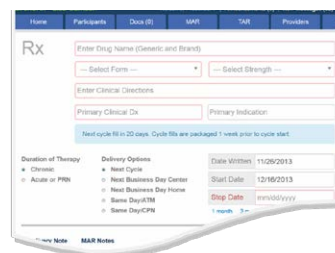
In older adults, falls are prevalent and often lead to injuries. In many instances, fall-related injuries in older adults can be fatal. Many medications commonly prescribed to older adults may pose a problem to their safety by increasing the risk of injurious falls. Medication-targeted interventions, including discontinuation of fall-inducing medications, switching to an alternative medication with lower fall risk and pharmacist-conducted comprehensive medication review, can be effective in reducing fall risk, as supported by evidence from myriad studies. [Click here for the full article.](#)



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Technology News

- **EireneRx 101** Webinars: 4/9, 5/8 @ 3pm ET
- **Anticholinergic Burden (ACB) scores** - deployed in March, participant ACB scores now appear on participant profile screens (client-requested feature)
- Coming soon: **E-Prescribing of Controlled Substances (ECPS)** and revision of prescription renew/reissue functionality



If you have questions about these or any other new features, kindly [email us!](#)



Attending the NPA Policy Forum?

Join your PACE peers for a cocktail reception and plated dinner, with a presentation from special guest **Ariel A. Gonzalez, Esq.**, Director of Health and Family Advocacy, AARP.

Monday, April 20 at 6:30pm
Hampton Room
Omni Hotel, Washington DC

This reception is held during the NPA Spring Policy Forum. Please respond to RSVP@CareKinesis.com by April 15, 2015. We hope to see you there!

We are passionate about improving lives for PACE participants through medication risk mitigation. For more information, visit www.CareKinesis.com or call 888-974-2763.

Happy Spring!

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