

MEDICATION ERRORS

In Georgia Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities

- Mix-up of drugs
- Wrong resident
- Incorrect amount of drug
- Wrong delivery of drug
- Drug administered incorrect times
- Drug stored improperly
- Incorrect tools used to administer drugs
- Drugs labeled improperly
- Doctors' orders not followed correctly
- Wrong drug is prescribed
- Failure to recognize drug interactions
- Failure to recognize allergic reactions

MAJOR CAUSE OF DRUG ERRORS

UNDERSTAFFING

Many studies show a direct correlation between staffing levels and quality-of-care outcomes



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RESULTS OF MEDICATION ERRORS

ADEs
Nausea
Diarrhea
Abdominal Pain
Vomiting
Respiratory Problems
Heart Problems
Adrenal Gland Issues
Drowsiness
Seizures
Dizziness
Hallucinations
Confusion
Agitation
Cold or hot sensations
Internal Bleeding
Coma
Death

10%

10 percent of all U.S. deaths are due to medical errors

3rd

Medical errors are the third highest cause of death in the U.S.