

## Medication

<b>Age-related Effects</b>	<b>Risk Factors</b> [fill in missing information]	<b>Support</b> [fill in missing information]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased renal (kidney) clearance of drugs</li> <li>• Decreased hepatic (liver) blood flow and drug clearance</li> <li>• Basically speaking, older people have a harder time eliminating medications from their system.</li> <li>• Weight loss</li> <li>• An increase in medical conditions may lead to multiple medications, medication interactions and problems with monitoring and evaluating medication. The more medication a person takes (and the higher the dosage) the more potential there is for serious side effects. People with intellectual disabilities seldom complain about side effects verbally. May not be told in a way that they can understand about potential side effects.</li> <li>• Support persons often do not know about side effect monitoring.</li> <li>• Older people become more sensitive to the neurological effects of medication.</li> <li>• Narrow therapeutic index—the difference between a helpful and harmful dose is small.</li> <li>• Historic overuse of psychotropic medication for people with ID.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals with intellectual disabilities that are taking medications no idea _____ they are taking or _____ they are taking it</li> <li>• Support staff who administer medications report a lack of knowledge about _____, _____ effects and _____ practices</li> <li>• Therapeutic dose calculations are often based on trials of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that all medications are</li> <li>• Have knowledge of the medications that are given and the potential for</li> <li>• Promote lowest</li> <li>• Discourage use of medication</li> <li>• Medication reviews are recommended every year for  and every six months for people taking more than</li> <li>• Discontinuation or reduction of medications that are</li> <li>• Careful monitoring of _____ medications and _____ medication</li> </ul>