

Questions to Consider When Evaluating a New Sign or Symptom in an Older Person

Could the symptom be caused by too much or too little of a drug?

Could the symptom be caused by an interaction between drugs?

Could the symptom be caused by the way the drug is being taken?

Are all the drugs absolutely essential or could some non-drug therapy be tried?

Can any dosages be reduced?

Can the regimen be simplified?

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