

The source of purchased medications and its impact on medication mistakes and hospitalizations.

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Older adults, especially those taking multiple medications, are at increased risk for [medication self-administration](#) (MSE) errors. Data from the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS) was analyzed to ascertain if the source of the medication – picking up from local pharmacy, receiving the medication via [mail-order](#) pharmacy, or both – impacted MSE or hospitalization. Respondents receiving medications via [both](#) mail-order and pick up were more likely to report hospitalizations and medication mistakes.