

Detectability of medication errors with a STOPP/START-based medication review in older people prior to a potentially preventable drug-related hospital admission.

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Adverse events, such as medication errors, are a [major cause](#) of hospital admissions. This retrospective study of a subset of [OPERAM](#) intervention patients who were readmitted with a potentially preventable [drug-related admission](#) (DRA) examined whether use of [STOPP/START criteria](#) during in-hospital medication review can identify medication errors prior to a potentially preventable DRA. Researchers found that medication errors identified at readmission could not be addressed by prior in-hospital medication reviews because the medication error occurred after the in-hospital review or because recommended medication regimen changes were not provided or not implemented.