

The spectrum of hospitalization-associated harm in the elderly.

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[Older patients](#) are particularly vulnerable to harm during hospitalization. This article summarizes potential patient harm that can occur during hospitalization for older adults, including [unnecessary](#) testing or procedures, nosocomial infections, medical errors, [falls](#), functional or cognitive decline, and post-discharge adverse events.