

Hospitalization due to adverse drug events in older adults with cancer: a retrospective analysis.

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Older adults with cancer are typically prescribed multiple medications (i.e., [polypharmacy](#)) and are therefore at [risk](#) of adverse drug events (ADE). In this study, the medical records of older adults (those at least 70 years old) receiving [cancer care](#) who had an unplanned hospital admission were reviewed to determine if it was potentially related to an ADE. Of the hospitalized patients, more than half were potentially due to ADE at three and six months after the initial oncology visit. Including a clinical pharmacist may help reduce ADEs and hospitalizations.