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National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes

A mission to:

- Improve the quality of care provided to individuals with dementia living in nursing homes.
- Deliver health care that is person-centered, comprehensive and interdisciplinary.
- Protect residents from being prescribed antipsychotic medications unless there is a valid, clinical indication and a systematic process to evaluate each individual.

The Partnership promotes the three R's:

Rethink our approach to dementia care.

Reconnect with people using person-centered care approaches.

Restore good health and quality of life in nursing homes.

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Did you know?

- According to a 2011 report by the Health & Human Services Office of Inspector General, **22 percent** of atypical antipsychotic medications were not administrated in compliance with CMS standards.
- A CMS study found that over **17 percent** of persons living in nursing homes had daily doses of antipsychotic medications exceeding recommended levels.

CMS is partnering with federal and state agencies, nursing homes, other providers, advocacy groups, and caregivers to improve comprehensive dementia care. The national goal is to reduce the percentage of long-stay nursing home residents who receive antipsychotic medications by **15 percent** by the end of 2012.

CMS promotes a multidimensional approach that includes:

- Public reporting
- Partnerships and state-based coalitions
- Research
- Training for providers and surveyors
- Revised surveyor guidance

To learn more about this partnership:
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