

IS HEALTHBRIDGE GIVING YOUR LOVED ONE ANTI-PSYCHOTIC DRUGS?

The FDA has warned that anti-psychotic drugs are associated with an increased risk of death when used in patients with dementia.

According to the most recently available data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for the period of October 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, nearly 75% of long-stay residents at Holyoke Rehabilitation Center received these drugs, triple the national average.

In addition, during that same time period, CMS reports that Holyoke's percentage of long-stay residents who were physically restrained was above the Massachusetts and national averages.

HealthBridge's Lowell Health Care Center and Newton Health Care Center have also used anti-psychotics at rates that are higher than the Massachusetts and national averages, according to CMS.

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