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Quick Facts & Stats

Medication Adherence

Of all age groups, older persons with chronic diseases and conditions benefit the most from taking medications and risk the most from failing to take them properly. Among older adults, the consequences of medication nonadherence may be more serious, less easily detected, and less easily resolved than among younger age groups.¹

\$100 billion

estimated cost of nonadherence to a medication regimen²

125,000

estimated annual deaths in the US due to nonadherence with cardiovascular medications³

12%

of patients don't fill their prescription for cardiovascular medicine⁴

12%

of patients don't take cardiovascular medication after they fill the prescription⁴

28%

of patients stop taking their cardiovascular medication before it runs out⁴

22%

of cardiovascular patients take less of the medication than is prescribed on the label⁴

39%

of adults older than age 78 are unable to read the prescription label⁵

67%

of adults older than 78 years do not fully understand the information given to them⁵

45%

of adults age 78 and older are nonadherent to medication regimens⁵

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