

# Potentially Inappropriate Medications for the Elderly According to the Revised Beers Criteria

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The list of drugs below is a summary of information from the following report in [Archives of Internal Medicine](#):

Fick DM, Cooper JW, Wade WE, Waller JL, Maclean JR, Beers MH. **Updating the Beers criteria for potentially inappropriate medication use in older adults: results of a US consensus panel of experts.** Arch Intern Med. 2003;163:2716-2724. [ [Link](#) ]

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## A

[alprazolam](#) (Xanax)  
amiodarone (Cordarone)  
[amitriptyline](#) (Elavil)  
amphetamines  
anorexic agents

## B

barbiturates  
[belladonna alkaloids](#) (Donnatal)  
[bisacodyl](#) (Dulcolax)

## C

[carisoprodol](#) (Soma)  
[cascara sagrada](#)  
[chlordiazepoxide](#) (Librium, Mitran)  
[chlordiazepoxide-amitriptyline](#) (Limbitrol)  
[chlorpheniramine](#) (Chlor-Trimeton)  
[chlorpropamide](#) (Diabinese)  
[chlorzoxazone](#) (Paraflex)  
[cimetidine](#) (Tagamet)  
[clidinium-chlordiazepoxide](#) (Librax)  
[clonidine](#) (Catapres)  
[clorazepate](#) (Tranxene)

## I

[indomethacin](#) (Indocin, Indocin SR)  
[isoxsuprine](#) (Vasodilan)

## K

[ketorolac](#) (Toradol)

## L

[lorazepam](#) (Ativan)

## M

[meperidine](#) (Demerol)  
[meprobamate](#) (Miltown, Equanil)  
[mesoridazine](#) (Serintil)  
[metaxalone](#) (Skelaxin)  
[methocarbamol](#) (Robaxin)  
[methyldopa](#) (Aldomet)  
[methyldopa-hydrochlorothiazide](#) (Aldoril)  
methyltestosterone (Android, Virilon, Testrad)  
mineral oil

## N

[naproxen](#) (Naprosyn, Avaprox, Aleve)  
Neoloid  
[nifedipine](#) (Procardia, Adalat)  
[nitrofurantoin](#) (Microdantin)

cyclandelate (Cyclospasmol)

[cyclobenzaprine](#) (Flexeril)

[cyproheptadine](#) (Periactin)

## D

[dessicated thyroid](#)

[dexchlorpheniramine](#) (Polaramine)

[diazepam](#) (Valium)

[dicyclomine](#) (Bentyl)

[digoxin](#) (Lanoxin)

[diphenhydramine](#) (Benadryl)

[dipyridamole](#) (Persantine)

[disopyramide](#) (Norpace, Norpace CR)

[doxazosin](#) (Cardura)

[doxepin](#) (Sinequan)

## E

[ergot mesyloids](#) (Hydergine)

[estrogens](#)

[ethacrynic acid](#) (Edecrin)

## F

[ferrous sulfate](#) (iron)

[fluoxetine](#) (Prozac)

[flurazepam](#) (Dalmane)

## G

guanadrel (Hylorel)

guanethidine (Ismelin)

## H

halazepam (Paxipam)

[hydroxyzine](#) (Vistaril, Atarax)

[hyoscyamine](#) (Levsin, Levsinex)

## O

[orphenadrine](#) (Norflex)

[oxaprozin](#) (Daypro)

[oxazepam](#) (Serax)

[oxybutynin](#) (Ditropan)

## P

[pentazocine](#) (Talwin)

[perphenazine-amitriptyline](#) (Triavil)

[piroxicam](#) (Feldene)

[promethazine](#) (Phenergan)

[propantheline](#) (Pro-Banthine)

[propoxyphene](#) (Darvon) and combination products

## Q

quazepam (Doral)

## R

[reserpine](#) (Serpalan, Serpasil)

## T

[temazepam](#) (Restoril)

[thioridazine](#) (Mellaril)

[ticlopidine](#) (Ticlid)

[triazolam](#) (Halcion)

[trimethobenzamide](#) (Tigan)

tripelennamine