

What is a...

Consultant Pharmacist?

A “consultant” or “senior care” pharmacist is a medication therapy management expert who provides advice on the use of medications by older adults, whether they live in the community or in long-term care facilities.



- The elderly consume approximately 34% of total prescriptions.
- On average, individuals 65–69 years old take nearly 14 prescriptions per year, individuals aged 80–84 take an average of 18 prescriptions per year.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) is the international professional association representing consultant and senior care pharmacists, providing leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of senior care pharmacy.

How can a consultant pharmacist help?

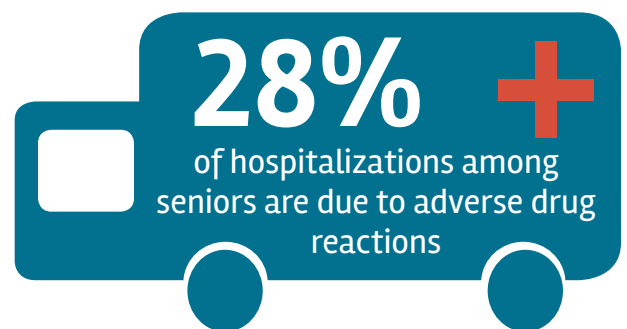
A consultant pharmacist can:

- Identify medication-related problems that can cause, aggravate, or contribute to common geriatric problems
- Make it easier for seniors to take their medication properly by labeling, packaging, and organizing prescription drugs better
- Understand the role of the caregiver, the financial challenges that seniors can face, and the importance of choosing appropriate care
- Advocate healthy living and disease prevention for seniors



Adverse drug events (ADEs) contribute approximately \$3.5 billion additional dollars to US healthcare costs.

Older adults have the highest rate of ADEs.



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Find a Senior Care or Consultant Pharmacist

If you need assistance with your medications, a Consultant Pharmacist may be the answer! Senior Care Pharmacists go well beyond reviewing medications; they have studied and acquired extensive knowledge about, and have experience in:



Advocating healthy living and disease prevention for seniors



Recognizing and understanding diseases and conditions common in the senior population



Identifying medication-related problems that can cause, aggravate, or contribute to common geriatric problems



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ASCP was founded in 1969 to represent the interests of its members and promote safe and effective medication therapy for the nation's seniors. The organization has grown dramatically over the past quarter century and its membership continues to diversify.

ASCP has numerous chapters and affiliate organizations across the USA and Canada. ASCP's membership is located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and 18 countries.

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Consultant Pharmacists are defined by their common commitment to enhance the quality of care for all older persons through the appropriate use of medication and promotion of healthy aging.