

NC Department of Health and Human Services  
**NC Home Care Aide Curriculum**

**Module 24 – The Role Of The Home Care Aide In Medication Administration**

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**OBJECTIVES**

1. Identify unique medication requirements of home care patients
2. Explain some physiological issues associated with home care patients and medications
3. Recognize major side effects of medications
4. Explain the home care aide's role in medication administration

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**Older Adults and Medications (1)**

- It is important to understand that older adults/patients will have unique medication requirements, and possible risk factors



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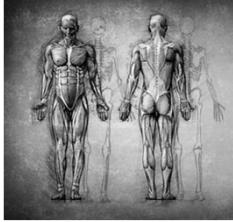
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**Older Adults and Medications (2)**

There are important physiological, i.e., physical, changes to be aware of with older patients



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**HANDOUT #1**

**NC Board of Nursing Guide for Assisting Patients with Self-Administration of Medications**



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**ASSISTING PATIENTS WITH MEDICATIONS**

- There are activities that a home care aide can do to assist a patient who is taking medications



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**MEDICATION SIDE EFFECTS**

- Report any patient issues that may be related to medications the patient is taking



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**ACTIVITY #1**

**CAN OR CANNOT**



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**ACTIVITY #2**

**CASE SCENARIOS**



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**Assisting patients with following their physician's instructions for taking their medications might be one of the most important activities you do as a home care aide. Know that your supervisor will respond to any questions or concerns that you will have regarding medication matters.**

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