## **Pitfalls of Polypharmacy:**

Managing Medication for Effectiveness and Safety in the Elderly



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Lecture: 12:00 p.m.

## OBJECTIVES FOR THIS PRESENTATION:

- 1. Recognize factors leading to polypharmacy
- List at least three health problems that can be caused by polypharmacy
- 3. Describe the prescribing cascade
- 4. Define potentially inappropriate meds for elderly patients
- 5. Describe at least one strategy to manage polypharmacy



## SPEAKER: GREGORY DYKE, RPH, PRESIDENT OF CLINICAL CONSULTING, ONEPOINT PATIENT CARE

Greg is a Registered Pharmacist and has spent more than 30 years providing clinical leadership as a hospice and palliative care pharmacist. He is the President of Clinical Consulting for OnePoint Patient Care, a fully integrated national provider of pharmacy services to more than 220 hospices across the country, where he is responsible for its strategic direction and daily operation. Additionally, he is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa, College of Pharmacy teaching an elective rotation on EOL pharmacy practice to PharmD students.

Greg currently serves as a pharmacy advisor to the NHPCO Regulatory Affairs Committee, the NHPCO Relatedness Committee as well as numerous Formulary and Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees for client hospices. He is the lead author of OnePoint Patient Care's Symptom Reference Guide and has a long history of presentations to local, state, regional and national audiences on EOL care pharmacy issues.

Immediately prior to joining OnePoint, Greg worked at Rainbow Hospice for many years as their Vice President for Pharmacy and New Business Development. While there, he was responsible for pharmacy services, the Nurse Practitioner-based palliative care consult service as well as all aspects related to the creation of their inpatient unit, from concept through build-out and daily management.

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