

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**

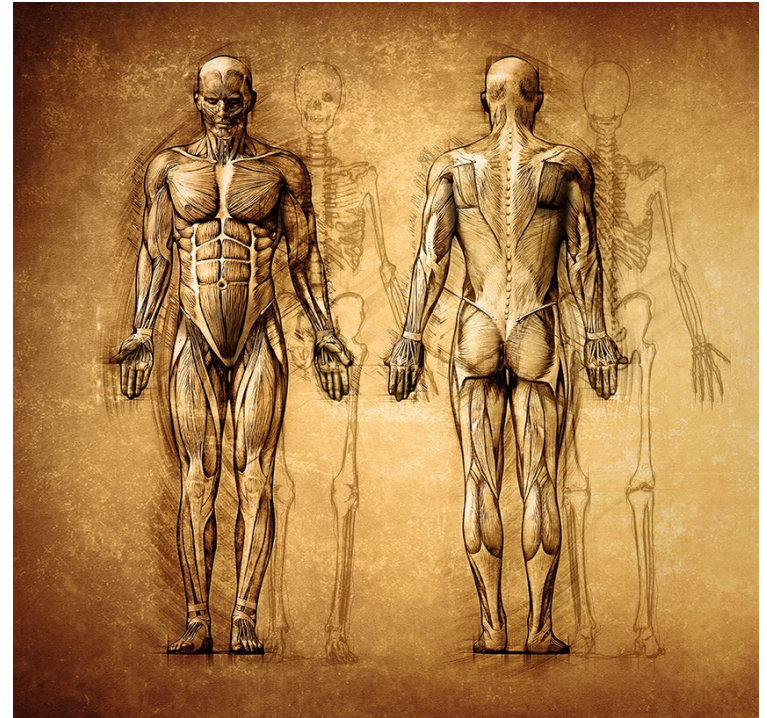
Older Adults and Medications (1)

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



Older Adults and Medications (2)

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



HANDOUT #1

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



ASSISTING PATIENTS WITH MEDICATIONS

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



MEDICATION SIDE EFFECTS

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



ACTIVITY #1

CAN OR CANNOT



ACTIVITY #2

CASE SCENARIOS





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.