

Prescription characteristics associated with fall-related injury risk among older adults prescribed benzodiazepines (BZD)

Medicare beneficiaries with Part D prescription drug coverage were assigned to retrospective cohorts



Increased Risk of a Fall

Two cohorts of patients:

1. received a new BZD Rx (n= 379,273)
2. received a continued BZD Rx (n= 509,634)

In each cohort among those who received a BZD Rx, what are risk factors associated with increased risk of fall-related injury in the 30d after receiving the BZD Rx?

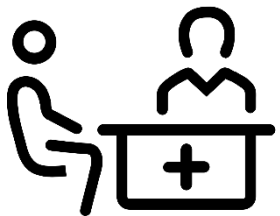
Short-term BZD prescription

Prescription of <14 days



Certain medication combinations

BZD + opioids, antipsychotics, or antiepileptics



Clinicians should recognize that patients who receive a smaller supply of BZD are at **INCREASED** risk of fall-related injury.