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California Coalition for Person-Centered Care Offers Information on Eliminating Unnecessary Use of Antipsychotics

Many watched with interest the news feature by KTVU, February 5th, 2017 on the 10:00 p.m. news. It focused on a significant concern about use of antipsychotics, which affects seniors wherever they may reside, be it in a Facility or their own home. The California Coalition for Person-Centered Care (CCPCC) recognized this issue and worked collaboratively with many senior care organizations and specialists to develop a “toolkit” to address that exact concern.

CCPCC has long been an active participant-leader in California’s successful efforts to reduce the unnecessary use of antipsychotics in skilled nursing facilities and other senior living environments. CCPCC, is a non-profit coalition of consumers, providers, labor & senior care organizations all with the focus of enhancing the care and services to seniors & their caregivers wherever they may reside or work. Using grant monies from the California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CCPCC developed materials to reduce the use of antipsychotics.

Focused on improving the quality of care and quality of life for residents with a dementia diagnosis, these materials provide clear, practical guides for senior living providers and health care professionals to assess, reduce and prevent the unnecessary use of antipsychotics. Residents, family members and resident advocates are provided materials to ask the right questions and guide decision-making.

This and other helpful information is available free-of-charge and can be found at the following site: <https://www.calculturechange.org/>. CCPCC encourages seniors, their families and care providers, and others interested reducing the use of antipsychotics to access these materials

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The California Coalition for Person-Centered Care is a practical, action-oriented statewide collaborative that promotes person-centered approaches which improve the quality of care and quality of life for older adults, wherever they may reside or receive care.