Medical Alert Systems

Medication Compliance Why is it important?

Almost 30% of all hospital admissions for people over the age of 65 are directly attributable to medication non-compliance.

☑ 125,000 people die each year

from non-compliance, twice the number killed in automobile accidents.

✓ Poor compliance with medication regiments costs society \$150 billion per year.

🗹 Nearly \$48 billion in annual costs result from unnecessary medication-induced hospitalization.

- Approximately 40% of people entering nursing homes do so because they are unable to selfmedicate in their own homes.
- About one-half of the 1.8 billion prescriptions dispensed annually are not taken correctly, contributing to prolonged or additional illnesses.
- At the present time, more than 7 million households have an unpaid "care-giver" who is providing daily assistance to a family member age 50 or older.

• Archives of Internal Medicine 1990; 150:841-845 • A. Anderson, Update on Patient Non-Compliance • NPC Report • Archives of Internal Medicine-October 1995 • Feasibility Study, Biomedical Business International, January 1988 • Medications and the Elderly, Ch.4 pp 67-68, 75 • Family Circle 6/25/91, pp. 46

Medical Alert Systems...

The Care Center

Care...the essence of what we provide. Whether getting assistance, providing reassurance, or just a friendly voice, we're there when others can't be, and

happy to speak with a "member" anytime.

Center...because we are at the center of getting information to all the parties involved in keeping our members safe and at home, where they are most happy.

You can have confidence the Care Center will be there when you need it because we designed it to incorporate the latest equipment and services from the leading companies in telephony and data processing.

Contact your local dealer for more information

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Medical Alert Systems.

I needed help taking my meds...and I got it, plus a lot more!

SAFETY PEACE OF MIND

INDEPENDENCE

We're giving you the tools to keep you at home feeling confident and safe.



Medical Alert Systems...the right tools

Medication Management

How it works...

Alarm sounds when dose is ready, if not taken, unit will contact Care Center.





Simple & Reliable 1. Load 2. Set clock 3. Program alarm 4. Close

Here's how it works... When the time comes to take your next dose, the alarm will sound and the dose will rotate into position. The alarm stops when the dose is taken out. If the dose is not removed within 30 minutes, the unit can contact the 24-hour Care Center which then attempts to alert someone of a non-compliance event. It's really that easy!





"Ed this is the Care Center it's time to take your medication."



Our goal has always been to keep people safe and independent as long as possible. Helping people manage their prescription therapies more effectively is key to accomplishing that goal.

"Oh, OK thanks for the reminder, I guess I didn't hear it and was so busy I didn't realize it was time to take my pills out of the machine. Thanks so much, I'll go in and take them right now."

Lots of Prescriptions?

Keeping up with a lot of prescriptions can be a real challenge. There may be one set of pills and vitamins to be taken in the morning, another set to be taken throughout the afternoon, and still other pills before bed.

Now there's *an easier way* to manage all those pills. The MD.2 simplifies everyday medication management, giving you more time and freedom. It is simple and reliable, and the convenient medication dispensing cups are much easier to open than a pill box or prescription bottle.

You'll have fewer worries about...

• Forgetting to take a dose

Right Med Right Dose Right Time

- Taking a double dose
- Taking at the wrong time
- Indentifying pills or pill bottles for people with decreased vision
- Opening and closing pill *bottles*
- Privacy regarding the type and quantity of medication

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