

Preferred sources and content of AOD-related information

Health professionals are the preferred source of AOD-related information among older adults.

However, alcohol-related conversations with health professionals (excluding pharmacists) appear to be uncommon, with both older adults and health practitioners raising concerns about the appropriateness of such conversations.

Interventions to reduce AOD-related harm

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Community pharmacies may be a valuable resource for identifying and reducing harms from pharmaceutical opioids among older patients.