

HAZARDOUS DRUG CONSUMPTION IN ADVANCED AGE: THE CRUX OF POLYPHARMACY

CND side event - organised by the NGO Committee on Ageing,
United Nations Vienna

Polypharmacy is described as the routine use of five or more medications per day. Multiple medication use is common among the older population as aging carries the inherent risk of multimorbidity, that is the presence of two or more long-term health problems. Although polypharmacy addresses illnesses and can improve and prolong quality of life, the use of multiple medication contains major risk factors, such as unwanted drug events like drug-drug and drug-disease interactions. That may eventually lead to premature deaths. Raising awareness of the problematic of polypharmacy is the main objective of this side event!

OPENING REMARKS

- **Dirk Jarré**, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing, UN Vienna, President of the European Federation of Older Persons

SPEAKERS

- **Thomas Frühwald**: Professor, Member of the Austrian Bioethics Committee, Board member of the Austrian Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Board member NGO Committee on Ageing, UN Vienna
- **Martin Wehling**: Professor em. of Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He has designed the first positive-negative drug labelling approach Fit-for-The-Aged (FORTA) in 2008
- **Shelley Ann Sternberg**: Director of the Shaare Zedek Memory Clinic of Hebrew University, and Regional Director of Geriatric Services and Clinical Investigator at the Maccabi Healthcare Services
- **Katharina Kieslich**: Health Expert in Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy at the Austrian National Public Health Institute
- **CLOSING with recommendations by Thomas Frühwald**

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TIME and PLACE
March 13th, 10:00 - 11:00am
UN Room: M0E79

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