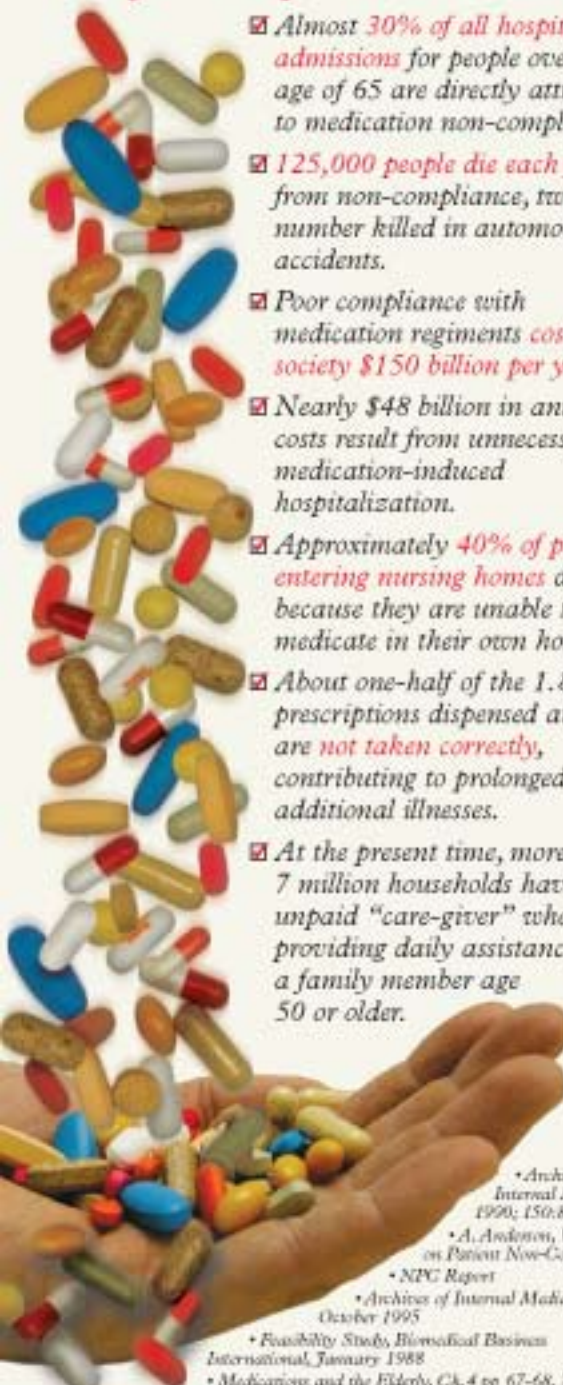


## Medication Compliance

### 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 regimens 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 self-medicate 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.



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## MedConnect

### Store your medication information online



### What do the physicians say?

**AAPS** Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Inc. recommendations:

- ❑ Keep your doctor advised of all medications.
- ❑ Make a list of all medications, vitamins, and supplements. The list should include name, use, dosage, and how often you really take every pill, tablet, etc.
- ❑ Update the list every time you see a new doctor; change, add, or subtract medications, and alter dosages.
- ❑ Make sure your physician sees your list with each visit.
- ❑ Your physician should keep a copy of the medication list.
- ❑ Try to minimize the number of pharmacies used and keep your pharmacist up to date.

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### This is where MedConnect comes in...

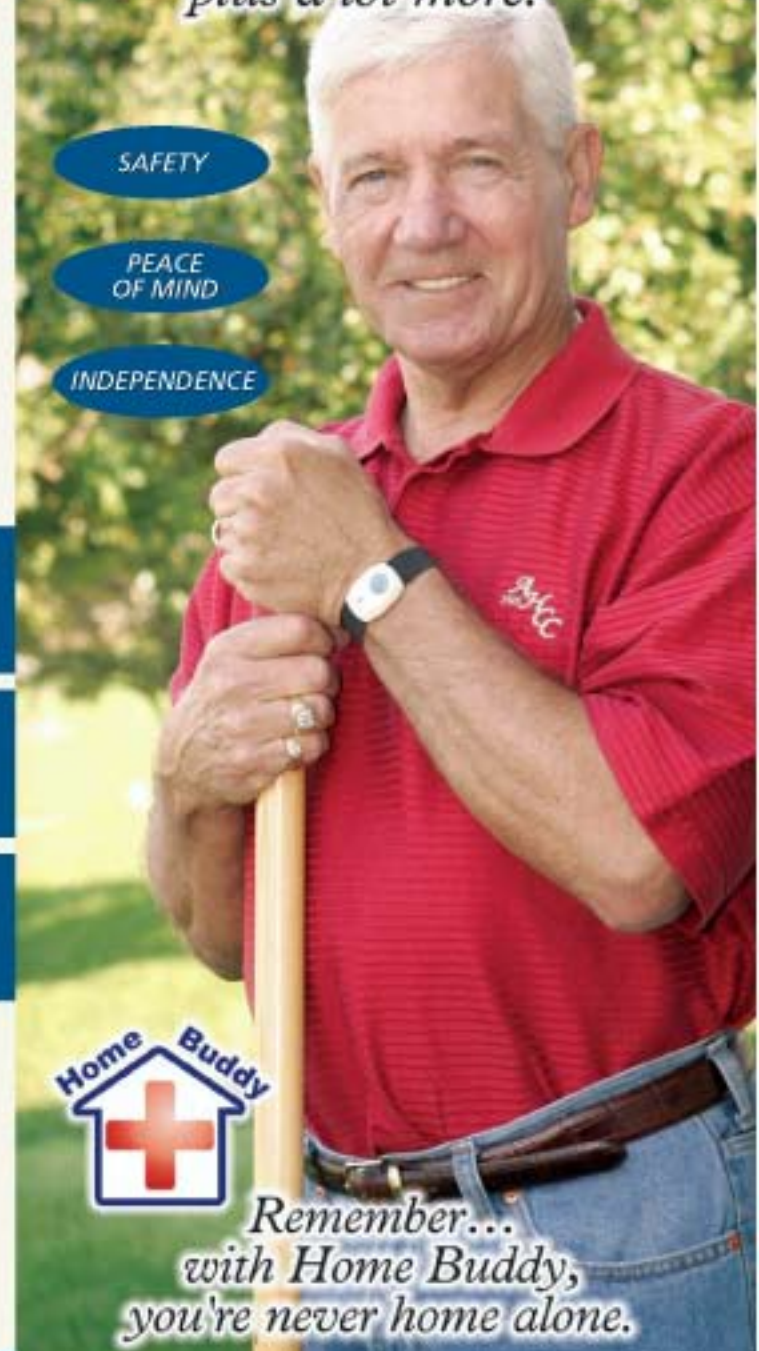
After entering your current medication information, show your MedConnect Access Card to your doctor, pharmacist, or caregiver. They will easily view your medication list online and make sure you're receiving the proper care. *It's that easy!*

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

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