

PROPOXYPHENE PRODUCT ALERT

(Darvon, Darvocet N, Darvocet A 500, Wygesic, etc)

_____ is receiving _____.

Propoxyphene is potentially inappropriate for use in elderly persons due to its adverse effects and questionable efficacy.

PROPOXYPHENE ADVERSE EFFECTS

Dizziness, Lightheadedness

Poor appetite; Nausea, Vomiting

Constipation

Sedation, Drowsiness

Trouble urinating or emptying bladder

Confusion

Propoxyphene may also cause, aggravate, or contribute to the following geriatric problems:

Delirium

Mood State

ADLs

Communication

Cognitive Loss

Urinary Incontinence

Dental Care

Visual Function

Falls

Behavioral Symptoms

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Observe for propoxyphene adverse effects.
2. Notify physician if any of the adverse effects occur.

If you have any questions, please contact _____.