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# Correction to *Drug Use Among Seniors on Public Drug Programs in Canada, 2012*

Please note that corrections have been made to the following tables in *Drug Use Among Seniors on Public Drug Programs in Canada, 2012*:

## Previous Tables

**Table 9: Rate of Use of Drugs From Beers List\* Among Seniors on Public Drug Programs by Jurisdiction, Selected Jurisdictions,† 2012**

Jurisdiction	Percentage of Senior Claimants With Any Beers Use	Percentage of Senior Claimants With Chronic Beers Use	Percentage of Senior Claimants Using Multiple Beers Drugs
P.E.I.	20.1%	15.9%	4.4%
N.S.	32.2%	28.6%	8.7%
N.B.	39.1%	33.4%	12.4%
Ont.	22.6%	19.4%	4.3%
Man.	28.3%	24.8%	7.2%
Sask.	24.0%	19.4%	5.0%
Alta.	25.8%	21.8%	6.4%
B.C.	21.7%	18.5%	4.7%
FNIHB	35.4%	28.8%	10.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

**Notes**

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**Source**

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**Table 10: Top 10 Chemicals From Beers List,\* by Rate of Use Among Seniors on Public Drug Programs, Selected Jurisdictions,† 2012**

Chemical	Common Uses	Rate of Use Among Beers Users	Rate of Use Among All Senior Claimants
Lorazepam	Anxiety, insomnia	17.4%	4.2%
Glibenclamide	Diabetes	8.7%	2.1%
Amitriptyline	Depression	8.1%	1.9%
Zopiclone	Insomnia	7.7%	1.8%
Quetiapine	Schizophrenia, bipolar disorder	6.9%	1.6%
Terazosin	Prostate enlargement, hypertension	5.3%	1.3%
Diclofenac, Combinations	Pain, inflammatory disorders	4.6%	1.1%
Meloxicam	Acute or chronic pain	4.5%	1.1%
Risperidone	Schizophrenia, bipolar disorder	4.4%	1.1%
Oxazepam	Anxiety, irritability, agitation	4.3%	1.0%

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**Table 12: Rate of Use of Drugs From the Beers List\* Among Seniors Living in Long-Term Care Facilities on Public Drug Programs, Selected Jurisdictions,† 2012**

Age Group	Percentage of Senior Claimants With Any Beers Use		Percentage of Senior Claimants With Chronic Beers Use		Percentage of Senior Claimants Using Multiple Beers Drugs	
	Long-Term Care Facility	Community	Long-Term Care Facility	Community	Long-Term Care Facility	Community
65–74	58.9%	18.7%	49.5%	18.1%	23.6%	3.6%
75–84	51.6%	23.6%	43.1%	23.0%	16.0%	4.3%
85+	41.3%	25.8%	34.8%	24.6%	10.0%	4.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

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N.S.	45.4%	29.0%	16.1%
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Alta.	41.2%	24.0%	14.6%
B.C.	38.0%	19.6%	12.2%
FNIHB	49.9%	28.3%	20.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.9%</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

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Lorazepam	Anxiety, insomnia	23.5%	9.1%
Nitrofurantoin	Urinary tract infection	14.2%	5.5%
Amitriptyline	Depression	8.2%	3.2%
Glibenclamide	Diabetes	6.8%	2.7%
Clonazepam	Anxiety, seizures	6.5%	2.5%
Conjugated Estrogens	Symptoms of menopause	6.2%	2.4%
Quetiapine	Schizophrenia, bipolar disorder	6.0%	2.3%
Zopiclone	Insomnia	5.9%	2.3%
Oxazepam	Anxiety, irritability, agitation	4.4%	1.7%
Indomethacin	Fever, pain	4.3%	1.7%

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<b>Total</b>	<b>63.8%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>

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## Correction Notice

As a result of these corrections, related text has also been updated in the following sections of the report:

- How Many Seniors Are Using Potentially Inappropriate Medications? (pages 25 to 28)
- How Does Drug Utilization Differ Among Seniors Living in Long-Term Care Facilities? (pages 30 to 31)
- Appendix B: Methodological Notes—Beers Drugs (pages 40 to 41)