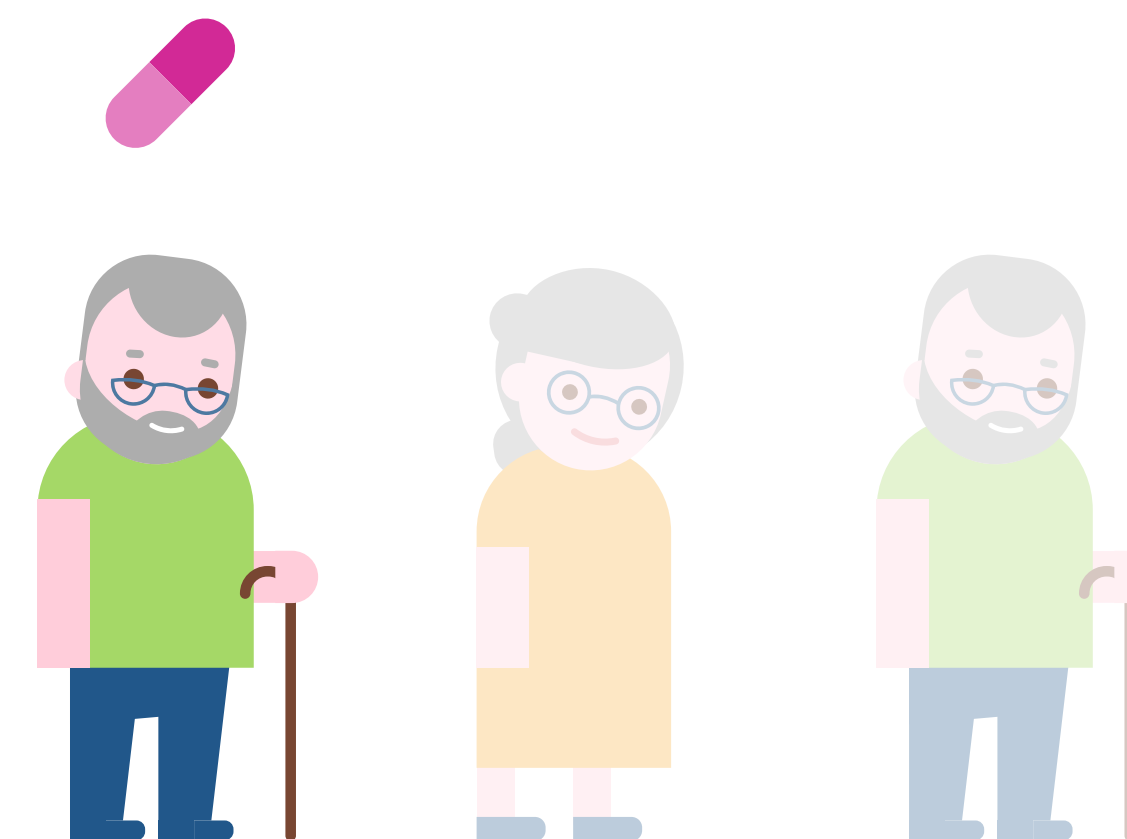
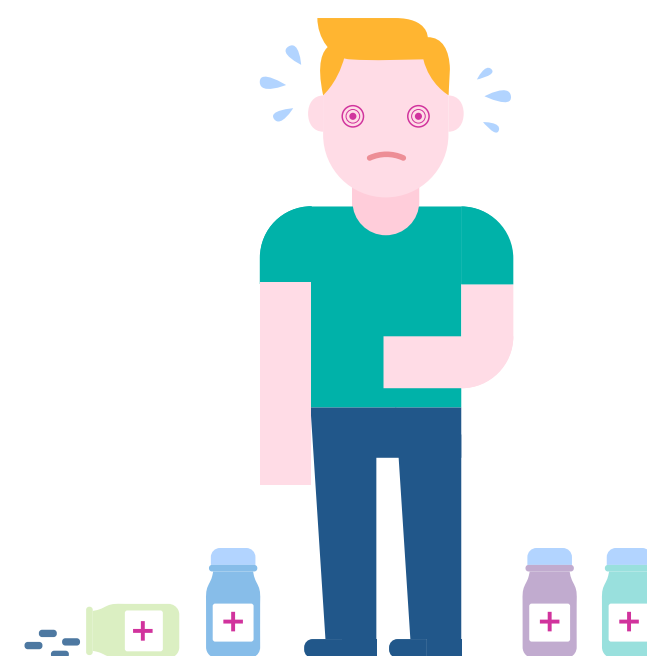


# Medication safety is our common concern

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Correct and appropriate pharmacotherapy is safe and effective; however, **medicines are not always used appropriately.**

**More than 50,000 medication-related patient safety incidents** are reported annually in Finland.

**One in three Finns over the age of 75** use medicines not recommended for older adults.

# Fimea's information products

help to ensure medication safety and make decisions based on expert assessment.

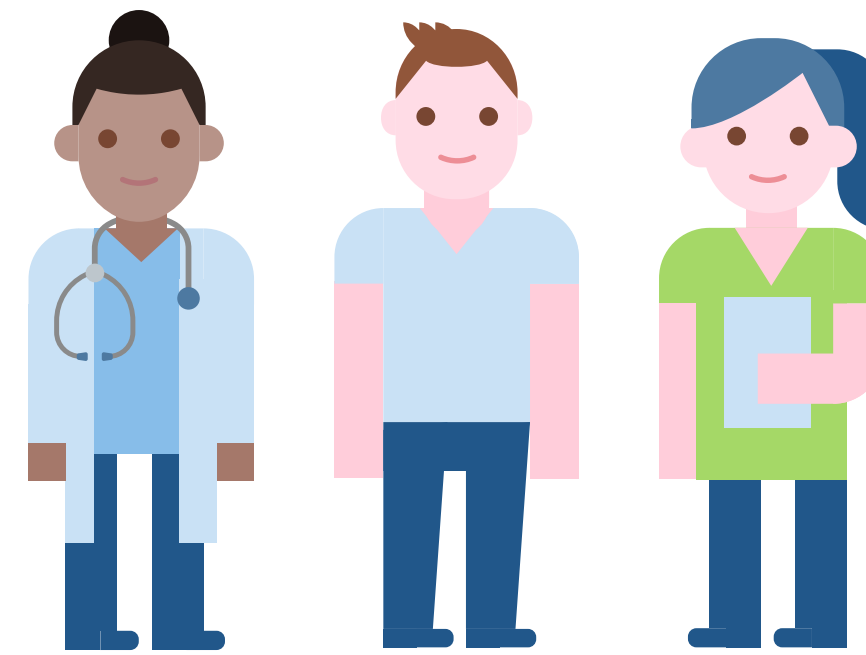
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High-risk medicines



Information products are intended for those who are **responsible for controlling medication safety.**

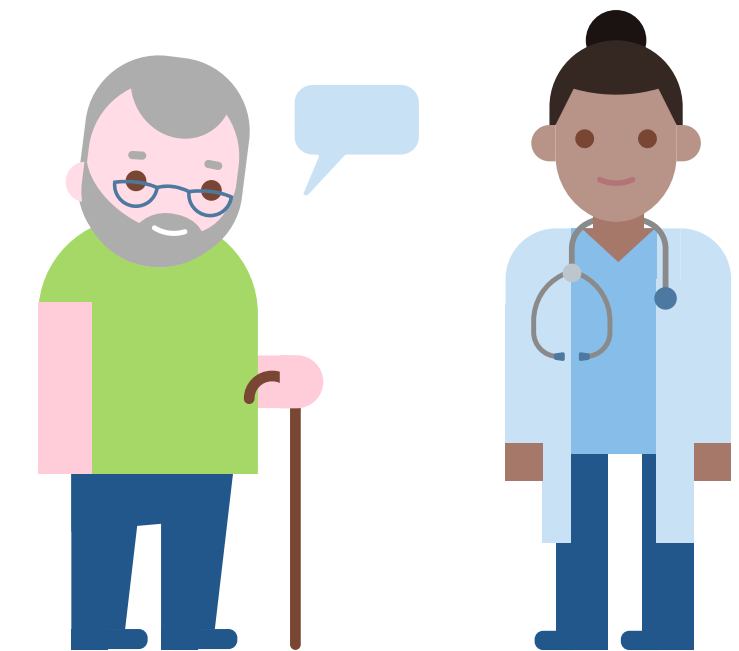
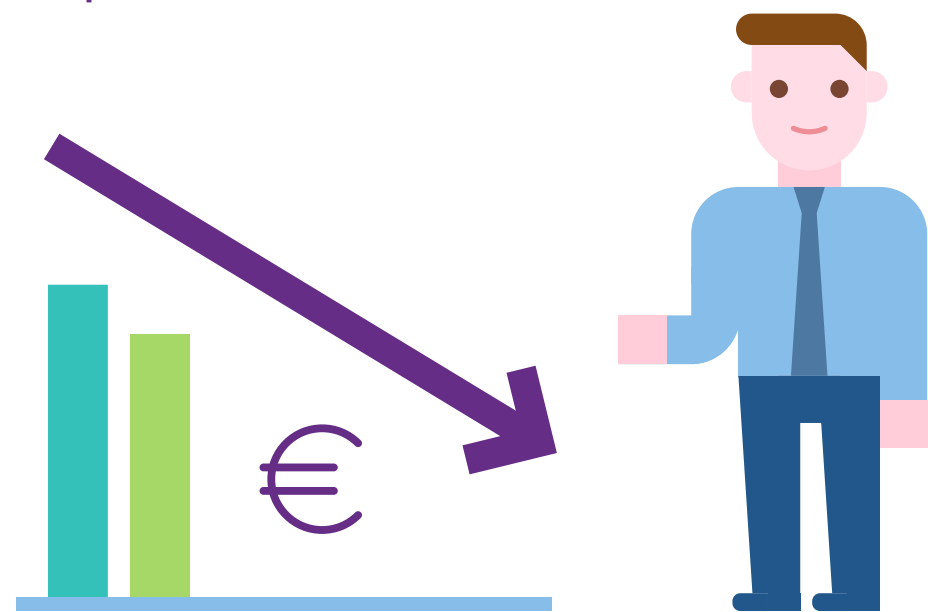
And for those who are **responsible for ensuring medication safety.**

Information products also contain useful information for **people who use medicines.**

# Reliable, high-quality and cost-effective pharmacotherapies

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Minimisation of adverse events and patient safety incidents can help to save millions.



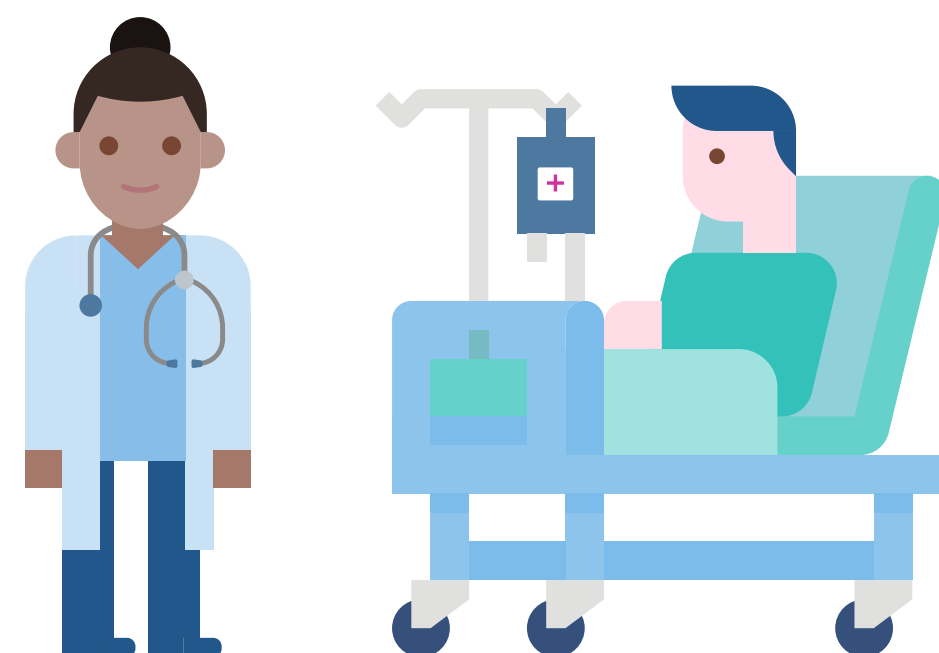
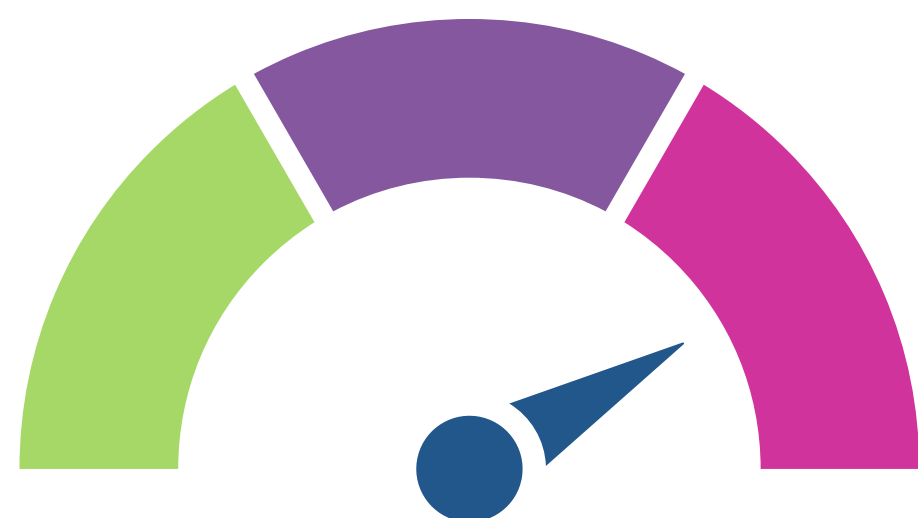
**Those who are controlling medication safety** can use Fimea's information products to follow costs, assess and plan treatments as well as in educational purposes.

**Healthcare professionals** are encouraged to use Fimea's information products to help the planning, implementing and monitoring of medication.

**People taking medicines** are responsible for informing healthcare professionals which medicines they use and how they are feeling.

# The National High-Risk Medicines Classification

– Support for the safe use of high-risk medicines



All medicines and pharmacotherapies have risks, but **the risks are higher with high-risk medicines.**

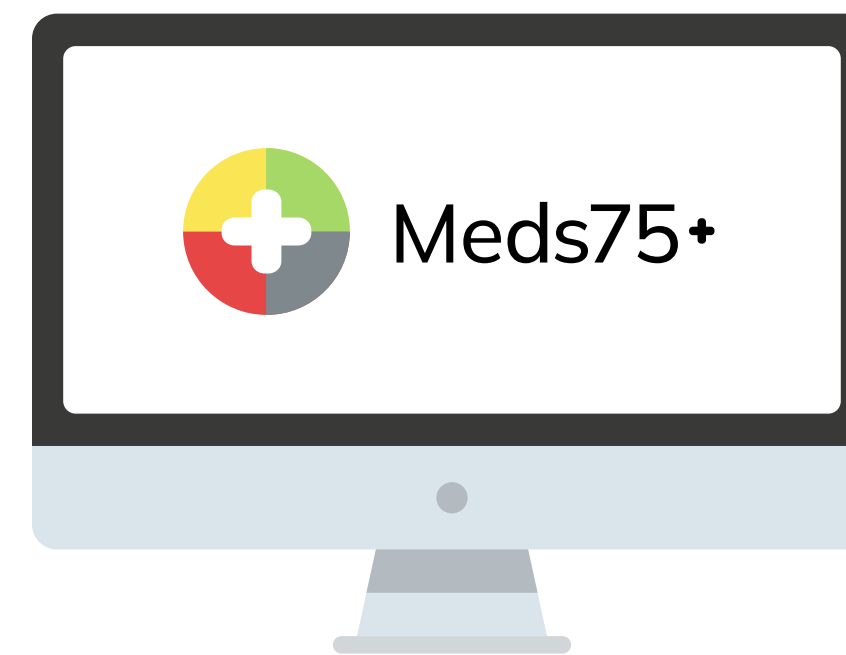
High-risk medicines may not cause more errors than other medicines but **when they are misused or used in error, the consequences can be severe for the patient.**

**The National High-Risk Medicines Classification helps healthcare professionals to**

- identify high-risk medicines and risks related to them and their use
- ensure the appropriate use of high-risk medicines

# Meds75+

– Provides information on approximately 200 medicines that are suitable for older persons, 200 medicines that should be used with caution and 100 medicines that should be avoided.

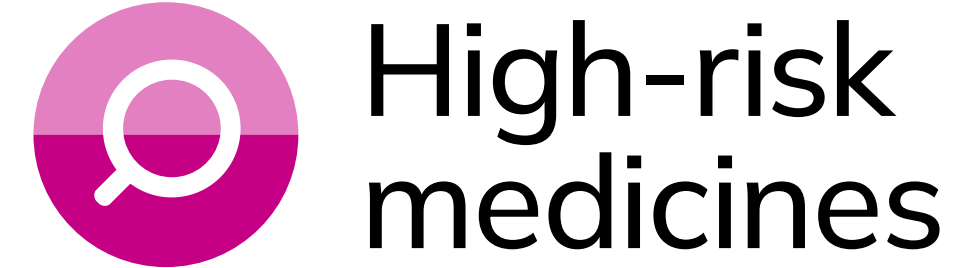


## Typically, older persons use several medicines.

When implemented appropriately, using several medicines is safe. However, it is important to be aware that aging changes the effects of certain medicines.

**Meds75+** collects in one place suitable medicines and medicines which should be avoided in older persons.

**Meds75+** helps in planning and implementing of safe pharmacotherapy.



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Fimea's information products support the planning, implementing and monitoring of pharmacotherapy.

Information products are available via Fimea's website for everyone, or health care professionals can use them as a supplement to their own tools.