



GERIATRIC MEDICATION GAME

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Upcoming Events

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes
Sunday, Oct. 6
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



STLCOP students, faculty, staff, and alumni, including College President John A. Pieper, will join thousands at the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes in the Upper MUNY Parking Lot in Forest Park. Pieper is the honorary chair of the walk.

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The Geriatric Medication Game©: Understanding the Community We Serve

Older adults face particular challenges as they navigate America's health care system. The natural effects of aging—often including problems hearing, seeing, or getting around—can make it difficult to follow a health care regimen even as chronic health conditions become commonplace. No wonder a 2003 national assessment of health literacy found that adults 65 and older have the lowest health literacy of any adult age group.

At the College's Office for Research on Aging (ORA), we believe understanding is a vital step toward improving health care for older adults—understanding on the part of health care providers, that is. That's what the ORA's *Geriatric Medication Game*© is all about—increasing the understanding and empathy that pharmacists, nurses, and physicians have for older patients.

The *Geriatric Medication Game*© is a structured role-playing game in which as many as 30 players assume the identity of seniors seeking health care. Designed with health professions students in mind, the game recreates medication and medication-related situations frequently encountered by the elderly and requires players to handle them. The object is to accumulate points for passing challenges at the game's six activity stations or through other role-playing activities. Game time is flexible: You can make the game as short or lengthy as you'd like.

The revised game has become part of the College's professional communications course and is produced for distribution to other health care educators.

We're planning to update the *Geriatric Medication Game*© to incorporate changes prompted by the Affordable Care Act and medical advances. Please contact [Patrick Fontane](#) with any inquiries or see the links below for more information on:

- How to play
- [How to order the game](#)

We apply any profits from the *Geriatric Medication Game*© to ORA-sponsored programs.



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