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### Dangerous Falls Are a Serious Risk for Nursing Home Residents

Although nursing home residents are at greater risk for falls because of their age, medical conditions, and medications, [nursing home falls](#) are not inevitable. Nursing home staff can stop residents from falling by using reasonable care. Fall risk assessments, staff training, and intervention can prevent falls and serious fall-related injuries including hip fractures, broken bones, brain injuries, internal injuries, and even death. That is the job of the nursing home staff, and it is the standard of care that all nursing home residents deserve.



### Did the FDA Get Farxiga Right the First Time?

In 2012, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rejected Farxiga as a prescription medication to treat type 2 diabetes because of a potential link to breast and bladder cancer. Two years later, the FDA reversed its original position and approved Farxiga for sale in the United States. At the same time, the agency ordered multiple post-market safety studies. Recently, the FDA has issued multiple warnings about the [dangers of Farxiga](#) and other similar type 2 diabetes medications.



### FDA Issues Another Warning About Type 2 Diabetes Medications

Recently, the FDA added new warnings to a popular class of type 2 diabetes medications. Specifically, the agency warned of two potential [dangers associated with sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 \(SGLT2\) inhibitors](#). First, doctors and patients were warned of the potential for too much acid to develop in the blood, resulting in a serious condition known as ketoacidosis. Second, doctors and patients were warned about the potential for dangerous urinary tract infections to develop. Anyone who has suffered a side effect after

taking a SGLT2 inhibitor or who is treating a patient for a SGLT2 inhibitor side effect is urged to report it to the FDA.



## Patients at Risk of Getting Serious Infections in Louisville Hospitals

Each year, hundreds of thousands of people get dangerous infections, and tens of thousands of people die from those infections while in United States hospitals. These [hospital-acquired infections](#) include MRSA infections, C. difficile infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, central line-associated blood infections, and surgical site infections. Large hospitals in the Louisville area including Hardin Memorial Hospital, Norton Hospital, Jewish Hospital, University of Louisville Hospital, and Baptist Health Louisville all scored significantly worse than the national average in at least one of the five hospital-acquired infections listed above, putting Kentucky patients at risk of serious illness or death.

## Thank You!

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