

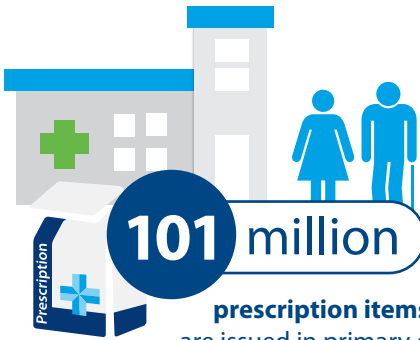
Safer Use of Medicines



adults in Scotland are dispensed 5 or more medicines

59% of patients over 70 years old are dispensed 5 or more medicines

Each year in primary care



101 million

prescription items are issued in primary care



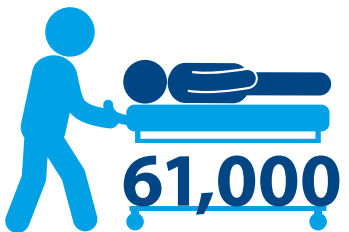
4 million prescribing errors



40,000 to 3.4 million dispensing errors

5 classes of medicines account for most admissions

- NSAIDs
- Antiplatelets
- Anticoagulants
- Diuretics
- Anti-hypertensives



61,000

non-elective hospital admissions are due to medicines

Each year in acute care



435,000 inpatient prescriptions

items are prescribed in an average 500 bed acute hospital



2 million doses of medicines administered in an average 500 bed acute hospital

