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Implementation of a personal medication record program in an independent living facility

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Objective: To describe the process of implementing a "Vial of Life" [Lifesaving Information for Emergencies] program in an independent living facility. **Setting:** An independent living facility in the Richmond, Virginia, area. **Practice Description:** The average age of the residents is 79.75 years, with 75% of the population being female. The facility offers social, cultural, and recreational activities, health and wellness programs, a salon, and outdoor activities. **Practice Innovation:** Implementing the Vial of Life Project into an independent living facility. **Main Outcome Measurements:** The number of patients who have participated in the Vial of Life Project; the implementation experience and student exposure to the implementation process. **Results:** There were 12 residents out of 83 total who elected to receive the service from a pharmacist. This resulted in a 18.45% participation rate. In addition, the faculty and students were exposed to the program and its implementation in an independent living facility. **Conclusion:** The Vial of Life Project has allowed for increase in access to the pharmacist for education and medication reviews.

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