

## RN Tip Sheet

- If the patient is on ODSP (income supports), their medication information is accessible through the ODB Drug Viewer

***(even if they are under 65)***

- Pain often manifests in aggressive or altered behavior. Think “ABC”:

### **All Behaviour is Communication**

- Life changes may lead to an ED visit
  - New roommate, change in worker, death of friend, etc.
- Sensory hypersensitivity is common:
  - Lights, noises, smell, touch, may lead to behavioural change.
- The patient may have experienced abuse or trauma in their past (prevalence rates in DD are upwards of 90%). This person may be afraid of the hospital, or have fears of undergoing procedures.
  - E.g. bloodwork, IV lines, x-rays, internal exams etc.
    - How can these be adapted?
- Supportive body language, voice and rapport will help.
- Hearing and vision can often be impaired. Ask about accommodations, or how you can help.