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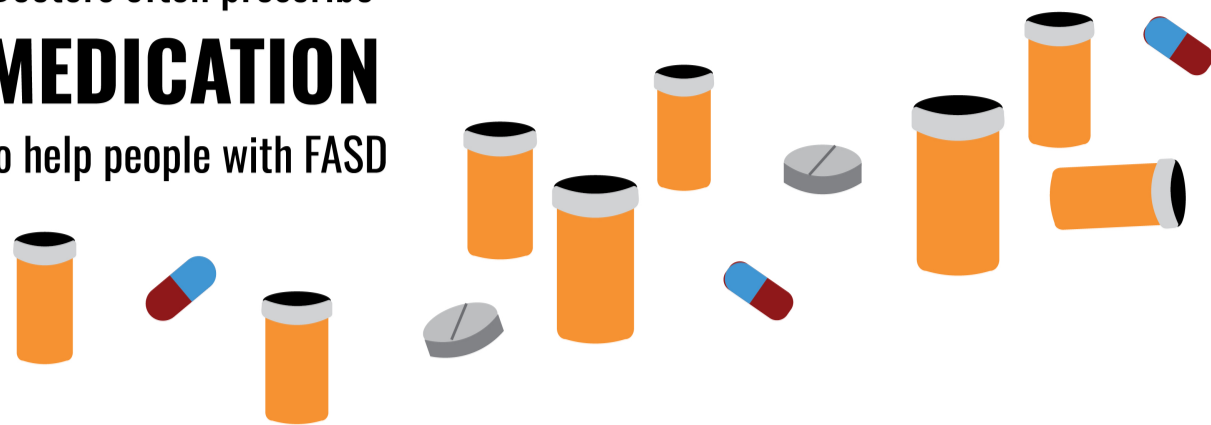
# Medication Algorithm

to support people with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

Doctors often prescribe

## MEDICATION

to help people with FASD



but caregivers were worried their loved ones were

1.

given too many medications (overmedicated)

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2.

the medications weren't always working

**OVERMEDICATION** can result in **negative** side effects

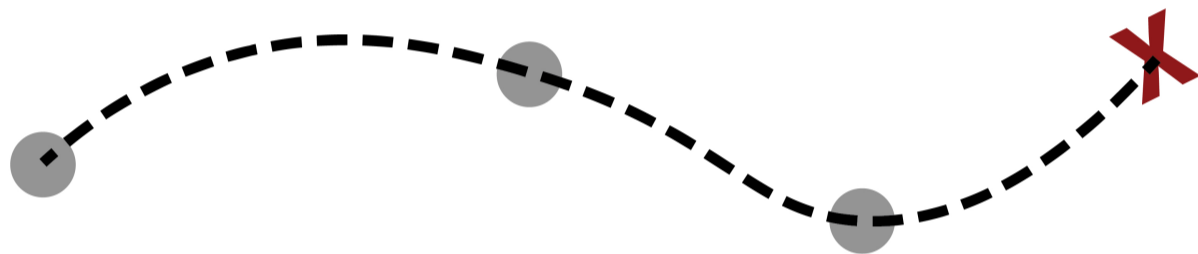
So researchers created a

## Medication Algorithm

to help doctors figure out what medication to give people with FASD



An **ALGORITHM** is like a **GUIDE** or a **MAP**



This algorithm makes sure that people with FASD

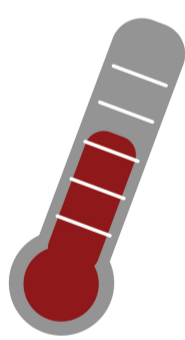
1

get the right treatment

2

aren't overmedicated

the medication prescribed is based on



the **SYMPTOMS**

not

the **DIAGNOSIS**



**BUT...**

before prescribing **medication**, doctors should try other interventions

Like making sure patients...

eat well

exercise

have supportive relationships

get enough sleep

have healthy environments