



## **NAPGCM Offers Advice About When to Consider Hiring Professional Geriatric Care Managers**

Tucson, AZ – (June, 2011) June is National Safety Month and the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers is interested in sharing useful information about when adult children may wish to consider hiring a professional geriatric care manager.

The following are various scenarios commonly faced by family members concerned about the safety of aging relatives. Geriatric Care Managers are dedicated professionals with extensive experience and training for assisting older adults and family caregivers in these and other difficult situations:

- When you live at a distance and are worried that there is no one nearby for your parents' medical appointments, emergencies, to make sure there is food in the house and bills are being paid
- When mom is forgetting to take her medications but assures you she is
- When you know dad shouldn't be driving and you can't figure out what to do
- When you have to choose a nursing home and don't know how to start or where to look
- When dad is suddenly living alone and you are concerned whether he can care for himself
- When mom's depression is interfering with her sleeping, eating and interest in life
- When you are wondering if your parents' should remain in their home or move to a senior residence
- When you are seeing signs of forgetfulness and don't know what to do
- When you know mom needs help at home and she says no
- When you want to make sure that mom and dad are receiving their Medicare benefits and all other entitlements that are available to them

There are over 2,000 Professional Geriatric Care Managers nationwide ready to help with these and other issues facing concerned family caregivers. Please visit us at [www.caremanager.org](http://www.caremanager.org) to find a member in your area or call us at 520-881-8008.

For more information about National Safety Month, please visit <http://www.nsc.org>

### **About NAPGCM**

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The National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (NAPGCM) was formed in 1985 to advance dignified care for older adults and their families. Geriatric Care Managers are professionals who have extensive training and experience working with older people, people with disabilities and families who need assistance with caregiving issues. They assist older adults who wish to remain in their homes, or can help families in the search for a suitable nursing home placement or extended care if the need occurs. The practice of geriatric care management and the role of care providers have captured a national spotlight, as generations of Baby Boomers age in the United States and abroad. For more information please visit [www.caremanager.org](http://www.caremanager.org).

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