Masterclasses

M1.2 Dementia Management

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Pharmacotherapy for Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

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Pharmacotherapy for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) includes anti-dementia therapy and extends to other psychotropic drug classes. Since BPSD is common in hospital settings, drug treatment for BPSD will be discussed both within the context of hospital and non-hospital settings, and both for acute and long-term usage. In the aspects of pharmacotherapy of the old aged, drug-disease and drug-drug interaction will be two of the significant sources of adverse drug reaction. This will be illustrated by case demonstration. Lastly, the management of hospitalisation-associated delirium in dementia, manifested as BPSD will be discussed.