Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD)

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Objectives:
At the end of this presentation, participants should be able to:

• Identify BPSD in Alzheimer disease patients and understand the relationship between these symptoms and stage of illness
• Recognize behavioral symptoms that may respond to nonpharmacologic intervention and understand the needs of caregivers
• Review what is known about current drug treatment and management

References:
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8. Schneeweiss S Risk of death associated with the use of conventional versus atypical antipsychotic drugs among elderly patients CMAJ 2007;176:627-32

Target Audience, Needs, Educational Methods, Activity Evaluation:
Physicians, residents, fellows, and other healthcare professionals need to be updated about new advances in the clinical and research areas for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with neurological disorders. Educational methods will include lectures, case presentations, audio/video presentations, and questions & answer sessions. Participants will be asked to complete an activity evaluation.

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