



Behavioural & Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

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Assessment and Management of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

https://www.bmj.com/bmj/section-pdf/917839?path=/bmj/350/8003/Clinical_Review.full.pdf

This review discusses the prevalence, types, outcomes and causes of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia. It also describes a conceptual model that integrates factors related to neurobiology, the person with dementia, the care giver, and the environment. It focuses on community-dwelling patients with dementia. (OPEN ACCESS)

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0193953X17301041?via%3Dihub>

The authors describe types of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD), causes of BPSD, patient factors, caregiver factors, environmental factors, treatment options and the DICE (Describe, Investigate, Create, Evaluate) approach. (OPEN ACCESS)

Systematic Review of Systematic Reviews of Non-Pharmacological Interventions to Treat Behavioural Disturbances in Older Patients with Dementia. The SENATOR-OnTop Series

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5372076/pdf/bmjopen-2016-012759.pdf>

The objective of the study described was to provide an overview of non-pharmacological interventions for behavioural and psychological symptoms in dementia (BPSD). (OPEN ACCESS)

Management of Behavioral Problems in Alzheimer's Disease

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20096151>

This review is based on the discussion that occurred at an "Expert Round Table Meeting: Management of Behavioral Problems in Alzheimer's Disease" which sought to evaluate the gaps in knowledge regarding the management of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia. (PAID ACCESS)

Apathy in Dementia: Systematic Review of Recent Evidence on Pharmacological Treatments

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11920-016-0737-7>

The authors evaluated the evidence of the efficacy of pharmacotherapies for apathy in dementia from studies between 2013 and 2016. (PAID ACCESS)

Nonpharmacologic Treatment of Behavioral Disorders in Dementia

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11940-013-0257-2>

This article describes a variety of nonpharmacological treatment options to support tailored interventions specific to the individual with dementia. (PAID ACCESS)

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Approach to Inappropriate Sexual Behaviour in People with Dementia

<https://www.cfp.ca/content/cfp/59/3/255.full.pdf>

This article aims to provide family physicians an update on the approach to diagnosis and management of inappropriate sexual behaviour (ISB) in persons with dementia. (OPEN ACCESS)

Antipsychotic Drug Use and Mortality in Older Adults with Dementia

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17548409>

The objective of the study described was to examine the relationship between all-cause mortality and treatment with antipsychotics. (PAID ACCESS)

Behaviour Management in Dementia: Where do Antipsychotics fit?

<https://www.rxfiles.ca/rxfiles/uploads/documents/Psych-BPSD-Newsletter.pdf>

This edition of Rx Files offers 4 pages of guidance regarding management of behavioural symptoms of dementia. (OPEN ACCESS)

Atypical Antipsychotic Use in Patients with Dementia: Managing Safety Concerns

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3516138/pdf/nihms421959.pdf>

This article discusses concerns related to atypical antipsychotic use in patients with dementia including mortality, cerebrovascular events, metabolic effects, extrapyramidal symptoms, falls, cognitive worsening, cardiovascular effects and pneumonia. (OPEN ACCESS)

Use of Antipsychotics in Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) Discussion Guide

<https://cep.health/clinical-products/antipsychotics-and-dementia-primary-care-edition/>

This tool from the Centre for Effect Practice is designed to help providers understand, assess, and manage residents in long-term care homes with behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia with a focus on antipsychotic medications. (OPEN ACCESS)

Managing Pain to Prevent Aggression in People with Dementia: A

Nonpharmacologic Intervention <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1533317512439795>

This article is on managing pain to prevent aggression in people with dementia that features nonpharmacological interventions. (PAID ACCESS)

Treatment of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia: A Systematic Review

<https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/45d4/e0bf7a94a5fdea9ae7be7749e4c1b8fd8799.pdf>

The aim of this review was to present information on epidemiology, consequences and evidence-based non-pharmacological and pharmacological treatment approaches. (OPEN ACCESS)

Deprescribing Antipsychotics for Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia and Insomnia

<https://www.cfp.ca/content/cfp/64/1/17.full.pdf>

The authors sought to develop an evidence-based guideline to help clinicians to make decisions about when and how to safely taper and stop anti-psychotics. Recommendations are intended to assist with, not dictate decision making with patients and families. (OPEN ACCESS)