Geriatric Emergency Medicine Initiative
Resident Training Lecture Objectives

The Geropsychiatric Patient in the ED

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Scheinthal
Length: 1 hour
Target Audience:
Emergency Medicine Residents (Primary)
Internal Medicine Residents
Emergency Medicine Faculty

Presentation Overview:
The Emergency Medicine resident must consider psychiatric diagnoses when evaluating geriatric patients, including severe depression, suicide, substance abuse, agitation, and psychosis, and to consider that these problems may also present atypically and/or concomitantly with other medical problems. The EM resident will learn to address these issues in the ED setting. Appropriate use of psychoactive medications in the treatment of these conditions and techniques for achieving rapid tranquilization of the agitated geriatric patient will also be presented.

Learning Objectives:
At the end of this presentation, residents will be able to:
1. Recognize common psychiatric conditions in older patients presenting in the emergency room setting, including severe depression, substance abuse, and psychosis.
2. Identify patients with depression and assess risk factors for suicide.
3. Recognize the behaviors and symptoms that indicate possible substance abuse.
4. Outline the criteria for voluntary and involuntary commitment.
5. Discuss approach to managing the agitated psychotic patient in the ED, including rapid tranquilization.

Instructional Methods:
Didactic presentation with PowerPoint slides
Case-based discussion
Audience response questions

Evaluation Methods:
Pre-Test Items
Post-Test Items
Reaction survey

Resource(s):
YouTube Lecture Presentation:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWK9LTMLTfY&feature=plcp
References:
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