

Geriatric Medicine



FOD 5B - Diagnosing and initiating management of patients in deliriumPart B: Communication with family/care provider

Key Features

- This EPA focuses on the diagnosis and initial management of delirium through the use of validated delirium screening tools, and the communication of diagnosis.
- This EPA does not include prevention or pharmacologic management.
- The observation of this EPA is divided into three parts: diagnosis; communication; and initiating management.

Assessment Plan

Case presentation

hyperactive (i.e., agitated); hypoactive; mixed

Setting

 geriatric unit; inpatient consult; pre- and/or post-operative setting; emergency room; day hospital; residential care; other

Assessor

• geriatrician; geriatrician pharmacist; care of elderly physician

Direct or indirect observation by supervisor

Collect 2 observations of achievement

- At least 2 different presentations
- At least 2 settings
- At least 2 different assessors

CanMEDS Milestones:

- **COM 1.1** Communicate using a patient-centred approach that facilitates patient trust and autonomy and is characterized by empathy, respect, and compassion
- **COM 3.1** Convey sensitive information regarding cognition and delirium clearly and compassionately
- COM 1.4 Respond to patient's non-verbal communication and use appropriate non-verbal behaviours to enhance communication
- COM 3.1 Provide information on diagnosis and prognosis in a clear, compassionate, respectful, and objective manner
- COM 5.1 Document information about patients and their medical conditions in a manner that enhances interprofessional care
- **P 3.1** Adhere to professional and ethical codes, standards of practice, and laws governing practice