

Part 1 Questions:

1. What are the possible reasons why Myrtle is in this condition?
2. What are the avenues for assessment of a frail elder in the community, and who is responsible for collection of information?
3. What are the barriers for admitting this client to hospital for a more thorough assessment?
4. What aspects of the behaviours and the physical exam can help with diagnosis?
5. What other laboratory tests can help?
6. What are the interdisciplinary approaches to this situation in assessing for diagnosis, determining underlying causes and providing ongoing strategies?
7. What aspects of the client's personal history, i.e. recent and remote history may be relevant?
8. What screening tools are useful in this case?
9. What are the environmental and non-pharmacologic interventions to be contemplated?
10. What are the risks of restraints?

Part 2 Questions:

1. Should there be other people present at the case conference and if so, who?
2. What education do you think her son requires re her discharge plans?
3. What are your concerns about Myrtle's future needs?
4. How would you envision conducting the interview with Myrtle, her son, and others in regards to her discharge from hospital?

After interviewing (standardized patient) Myrtle

1. What did you gain most from this exercise?
2. What would you do differently the next time?
3. Describe how this case study on delirium has helped your own learning.

