NURSE RECOGNITION OF ACUTE DELIRIUM - A PILOT STUDY

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PROBLEM: High occurrence of delirium among older adult patients.

SOLUTION: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) educational program that included didactic teaching, bedside mentoring and consultation.

Problem Identified Delirium is a complex multifactorial syndrome. Detection and teaching delirium recognition is difficult; however finding and addressing physiologic or metabolic causes in a timely manner is critical to improving patient outcomes. Management includes improving mobility and nutrition, adding distraction and other non-pharmacologic interventions.
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