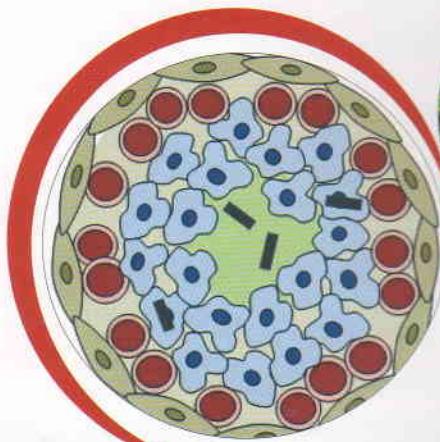
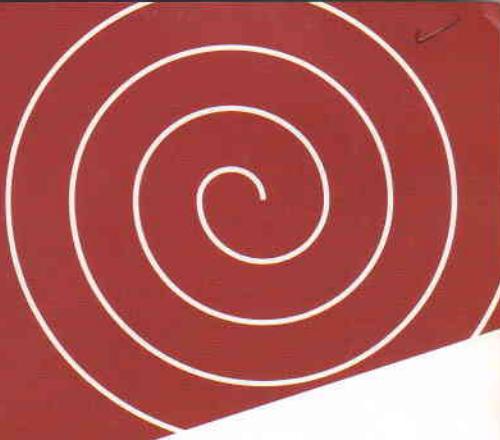


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PRACTICAL TIPS

Prevention of Delirium in Elderly

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Delirium is an acute preventable impairment in cognition and consciousness. Following are the non-Pharmacological measures to prevent Delirium in home or hospital.

Do's

Assess for pain, withdrawal symptoms, Hypoxia, blood counts and electrolytes. Trial of oral Paracetamol supplementation. Good communication daily

Good Hydration
Nutritious food



Same caregiver or family member to be with them.
Allow to have bath daily if conditions are suitable.

Allow family member to meet, read newspaper and listen to songs, news and watch serials on mobile.
Reassurance



Look for constipation or Impacted stools and relieve by Enema



Preferable bed near window
Silent cardiac monitors



Early mobilization from bed
Early shift form ICU to general ward



Orient them daily regarding day, time, place person, and members present.
Wall clock and Calendar in room



Early removal of Catheters, Ryle's tube, ICD Tube, and Lines
Allow to Use Spectacles, Hearing aids and Dentures



Keep asking what are their needs they need?
And try to fulfil them
Allow prayers in room
Provide homemade food.

Don't's

1. Aprazolam / Diazepam
2. Tramadol / Opioids
3. Anticholinergic.

Use physical restraints.
Transfer to different rooms frequently.
Isolate in ICU

Schedule drug dosage in night hours (11PM to 06AM) unless emergency

Change nursing staff or doctors, schedule of BP monitor and timing of drugs daily.

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