

TAPM Audio Series 2006
Module 9: Dementia - Assessment & Management of Behavioral Symptoms
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Module Objectives

1. Define dementia and review its epidemiology
2. Discuss dementia and when it renders one hospice eligible
3. Describe the assessment and management of behavioral symptoms caused by dementia

Post-test Answers

The correct answer for each question is bolded below.

1. Which of the following statements is *incorrect*?
 - a. Dementia affects more than half of individuals older than age 85.
 - b. There are over 60 types of dementia described in the medical literature.
 - c. Dementia is the 4th leading cause of death in the United States.
 - d. Most patients with dementia live in nursing homes.**
2. Guidelines for hospice eligibility for patients with dementia list the following as qualifying secondary conditions, *except*:
 - a. Aspiration pneumonia
 - b. Septicemia
 - c. A stage 4 decubitus ulcer**
 - d. Serum albumin < 2.5g/dL
3. All of the following represent behavioral symptoms that may be associated with dementia, *except*:
 - a. Depression**
 - b. Agitation
 - c. Wandering
 - d. Disinhibition
4. The general approach to managing delirium in the demented patient includes assessing all of the following, *except*:
 - a. Caregiver safety
 - b. Patient safety
 - c. Patient psychosis
 - d. Caregiver psychosis**
5. Pharmacologic management of behavioral symptoms may include any of the following, *except*:
 - a. Hallucinations – antipsychotics
 - b. Aggression – SSRIs**
 - c. Mood lability – antipsychotics
 - d. Sleep disturbance - benzodiazepines