# Outline

## Normal Aging, Dementia, **Depression or Delirium**

- Normal aging changes of the mind
- Depression, dementia, and delirium
- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
- Diagnose, differentiate, and develop a plan of care

## **Alzheimer's Disease**

- Stages
- Assessment
- Getting a diagnosis
- Behavioral issues of early diagnosis
- Management and interventions
- Pharmacological treatments

## **Driving with Dementia**

- Driving safety
- Legal issues
- Assess driving abilities
- How to take the keys away

## Wandering

- Reasons why cognitively impaired individuals wander
- Is wandering a bad thing?
- Issues to consider
- Manage a wanderer's behavior

## **Physical Aggression**

- Identify the cause of aggression
- Loss of impulse control
- Regression of the mind/child-like mind
- Manage the problem

## **Inappropriate Sexual Behaviors**

- Normal sexual drive or inappropriate behavior
- Cognitively impaired individuals
- Medication management
- Ethical considerations

## **Refusing to Eat/Forgetting to Eat**

- Reasons why geriatric patients slow or stop eating
- Nutritional needs in a geriatric patient
- Improve nutritional status
- Malnutrition and dehydration
- Alternatives to eating

## **Sleepless Nights**

- Sundowning and behavioral problems in the evening
- Why does sundowning occur? • Environmental interventions to
- decrease aggressive behaviors
- Medication management when it becomes problematic

## **Caregiver Stress**

- Physical, psychological, and emotional stress
- Identify caregiver burnout and ways to help
- Assist the caregiver

## **Other Issues**

- Ways to identify potential falls and prevent injury
- Causes for orthostatic hypotension
- Ways to avoid using restraints

## **Case Studies: Learning from Experience and Mistakes**

- How to manage sundowners
- Strategies to improve hygiene
- Reassurance and redirection

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- Anxiety and depression
- Refusal of food and fluids
- Inappropriate sexual advances

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# Speaker

## Steven Atkinson, PA-C, MS, is a Board Certified

Physician Assistant specializing in Geriatric Internal Medicine. He practices medicine in the greater Minneapolis area. In addition to his private practice, he has been on the faculty at the University of Utah since 1994 and has been involved in medicine for over 30 years.



Steven is the co-founder of Twin Cities Physicians, which serves older adults in nearly all levels of their care. He has presented nationally

for over 15 years, primarily speaking about geriatric-related syndromes. Steven is the author of Geriatric Pharmacology: The Principles of Practice & Clinical Recommendations, Second Edition (PESI, 2016) and also sits on several boards whose purpose is to elevate the level of care in medicine for the patients they serve. Steven has been described as a "dynamic" educator and one of the most engaging presenters around. Don't miss him!

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- Develop strategies to manage difficult behaviors in seniors who have an altered perception of reality.
- 2. Identify the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.
- 3. Discuss current research on the prevention of Alzheimer's disease, as well as lifestyle factors to slow the disease progression.
- 4. Summarize the safety issues associated with geriatric patients who drive and identify individuals who pose a safety threat.
- 5. Explain why wandering occurs in individuals with cognitive impairment and develop strategies to minimize or redirect this behavior.
- 6. Describe the environmental and behavioral causes of agitation.
- 7. Differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate sexual behaviors in individuals with dementia.
- 8. Distinguish between normal sleeping patterns and bedtime issues which could lead to increased health problems.
- Analyze the physical and psychological changes that affect an elder's desire and ability to eat including the changes in nutritional requirements.
- 10. Identify the signs of caregiver stress and develop intervention strategies to prevent burnout.

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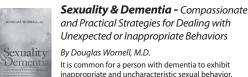
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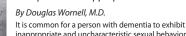
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