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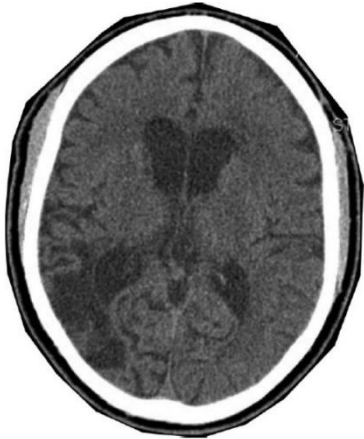
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Session 1: Cognition
Learning Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall aim is for the trainee to gain an overview of cognition. • By the end of the session trainees should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand the brain regions involved in the various cognitive domains. ○ Appreciate the concept and theory of a bedside cognitive assessment. ○ Have an awareness and understanding of the most common cognitive syndromes. ○ Be able to reflect on the limitations of cognitive assessment and screening tools.
Curriculum Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.3
Expert Led Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above
Case Presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a case that highlights the importance of a robust assessment, where the results of cognitive assessment have been instrumental in formulation and diagnosis in an older person presenting with cognitive deficits.
Journal Club Presentation
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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedside Testing of the frontal Lobe <u>or</u> parietal Lobe • Normal age-related changes in cognitive function • Alzheimer's vs vascular dementia – distinguishing features in the cognitive profile.

MCQs

1. A 67 year old male suffered from a cerebral infarct 5 weeks ago. Here is his CT brain scan result.



Which of the following tests is most likely to detect the related cognitive deficits?

- A. Abstract thinking
- B. Go-No-Go
- C. Cognitive estimates
- D. Stroop test
- E. Copying a cube

2. A 54 year old woman has been falling out with friends and her relationship with her husband is increasingly strained. She has been saying things in social situations that she would have previously found mortifying. Her driving has also become more erratic, often jumping red lights. She has also been involved in a couple of road rage incidents which is very unusual for her.

Which of the following screening tools would be most helpful in picking up associated cognitive deficits?

- A. MOCA
- B. 6-CIT
- C. Cornell
- D. MUST
- E. MMSE

3. A 62 year old woman was referred as the GP was concerned she was depressed. She presents with loss of volition, blunting of affect, axial rigidity and problems with vision. They deny feeling depressed. An MRI brain scan demonstrates the 'hummingbird sign'.

What combination of deficits would you be likely to observe on a cognitive profile?

- A. Constructional apraxia and prosopagnosia.
- B. Impaired episodic memory and object knowledge.
- C. Visuospatial deficits and impaired naming.
- D. Dyscalculia and tactile agnosia.
- E. Impaired trail making and effortful, halting speech.

4. In Wenicke's aphasia, an assessment of language is most likely to demonstrate:

- A. Effortful speech
- B. Telegraphic speech
- C. Intact repetition
- D. Impaired comprehension
- E. Echolalia

5. A 58 year old gentleman presents with early stages of svPPA. Previously a keen amateur cook, he now struggles in the kitchen and keep asking his wife what various kitchen utensils are for. Cognitive tests show fluent speech and intact repetition. However, the content of their speech is vague with obvious word omissions and substitutions.

Which brain region has been affected by pathological change?

- A. Medical temporal lobe
- B. Hippocampus & entorhinal cortex
- C. Anterior inferior temporal lobe
- D. Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex
- E. Cerebellum

6. A 65 year old woman has been referred to the memory assessment service with forgetfulness causing her significant distress. Her mother had a history of Alzheimer's dementia. She is not sleeping very well and struggles to enjoy her usual hobbies. Her MOCA score was 20/30. During the assessment she often responded with 'I don't know' or gave approximate answers.

Which would be the most appropriate next step?

- A. Re-do the MOCA in 1 week with the support of relatives.
- B. Prescribe low dose benzodiazepines.
- C. Complete a MADRS scale and consider a trial of antidepressants.
- D. Arrange an MRI brain scan.
- E. Complete and ACE-III to look at the cognitive profile in more detail.

Additional Resources / Reading Material

Online:

- Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA) available at: www.mocatest.org
- <https://www.alz.org/professionals/health-systems-clinicians/cognitive-assessment>
- <http://www.psychiatrycpd.co.uk/> Bedside assessment of cognition.

Journal Papers:

- Blanco-Campal, A., Diaz-Orueta, U., Navarro-Prados, A.B., Burke, T., Libon, D.J. and Lamar, M., 2019. Features and psychometric properties of the Montreal Cognitive Assessment: Review and proposal of a process-based approach version (MoCA-PA). *Applied Neuropsychology: Adult*, pp.1-15
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Guidelines:

- NICE CG42 – Dementia <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/Cg42>

Other resources:

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Session 2: Alzheimer's Disease

Learning Objectives

- The overall aim is for the trainee to gain an overview of Alzheimer's disease.
- By the end of the session trainees should:
 - Understand the epidemiology of Alzheimer's disease.
 - Understand the risk factors, genetics, neuropathology, neurotransmitters and neuroimaging associated with Alzheimer's disease.
 - Understand the clinical features of Alzheimer's disease, the assessment process and the principles of management.
 - Understand the carer burden related to Alzheimer's disease.

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above

Case Presentation

- A case to be presented which highlights the diagnostic process in a case of Alzheimer's disease and/or management of the related behavioural and psychological symptoms (BPSD) of Alzheimer's dementia. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

- McShane, R., Westby, M.J., Roberts, E., Minakaran, N., Schneider, L., Farrimond, L.E., Maayan, N., Ware, J. and Debarros, J., 2019. Memantine for dementia. Cochrane database of systematic reviews, (3).
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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- The use of antipsychotic medication in dementia and associate risks
- The NINCDS-ADRDA or NIA-AA criteria

MCQs

1. The prevalence of dementia in the general UK population older than 65 is approximately:

- A. 0.5-1%
- B. 2-4%
- C. 7%**
- D. 15%
- E. 20%

2. In Alzheimer's Disease, the gene for Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) is found on the long arm of chromosome:

- A. 1
- B. 12
- C. 21**
- D. 19
- E. 27

3. Which of the following statements regarding biomarkers in Alzheimer's disease is true:

- A. The first biomarker change in Alzheimer's disease is reflected by a decrease in CSF tau levels
- B. β amyloidosis can only be detected in venous plasma samples
- C. Amyloid- β accumulation is not sufficient to cause disease progression**
- D. PET imaging is estimated to be able to predict changes 25 years prior to symptoms
- E. All individuals that have positive biomarker results progress at the same rate.

4. A frail elderly gentleman is diagnosed with Alzheimer's dementia in the clinic. He has a history of moderate COPD and 1st degree heart block. He also has a history of peptic ulcers. Which would be the most appropriate first line drug to prescribe to slow cognitive decline and alleviate the behavioural and psychological symptoms of the dementia?

- A. Rivastigmine transdermal patch
- B. Galantamine
- C. Risperidone**
- D. Donepezil
- E. Memantine

5. Which of the following combination of APOE alleles confers the highest risk of developing Alzheimer's disease?

- A. 4:2
- B. 2:3
- C. 3:3**
- D. 3:4
- E. 4:4

Additional Resources / Reading Materials

Online:

- <http://www.psychiatrycpd.co.uk/> (Dementia: breaking the 'bad news' – a guide for psychiatrists; inappropriate sexual behavior in dementia; Dementia: capacity, empowerment and conflicts of interest.)

Landmark papers

- Sultzer, D.L., Davis, S.M., Tariot, P.N., Dagerman, K.S., Lebowitz, B.D., Lyketsos, C.G., Rosenheck, R.A., Hsiao, J.K., Lieberman, J.A., Schneider, L.S. and Catie-AD Study Group, 2008. Clinical symptom responses to atypical antipsychotic medications in Alzheimer's disease: phase 1 outcomes from the CATIE-AD effectiveness trial. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 165(7), pp.844-854.
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Guidelines

- <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/Cg42>

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Session 3: Other Neuro Degenerative Disorders

Learning Objectives

- To overall aim is to gain a basic overview of common neuro-degenerative disorders including Lewy Body Dementia, fronto-temporal dementia (FTD), Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), and dementia in Parkinson's disease. Vascular dementia is also incorporated in this session.
- For each of the disorders listed above, by the end of the session, the trainee should understand the basic epidemiology, aetiology, clinical presentation and basic management principles.

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.11

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above.

Case Presentation

- A case to be presented which highlights one of the neurodegenerative disorders named above. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

- Meng YH, Wang PP, Song YX, Wang JH. Cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine for Parkinson's disease dementia and Lewy body dementia: A meta-analysis. *Experimental and therapeutic medicine*. 2019 Mar 1;17(3):1611-24.
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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- Dementia in Huntington's Disease
- Common presentations in FTD
- Management of psychosis in Parkinson's disease

MCQs

1. **A 38 year old man presents with a seizure on a background of increasing memory impairment, migraines, apathy and unsteady gait.**
Which genetic mutation is most likely?
A. NOTCH3
B. MAPT

- C. Presenilin-1
- D. C9ORF72
- E. SNCA

1. A 62 year old woman is struggling with poor balance and muscle spasms. She has difficulty controlling her left hand which she describes as feeling 'out of control'. MRI brain shows asymmetrical atrophy of the superior parietal lobe.

Which of the following is most closely associated with the primary diagnosis?

- A. Logopenic PPA
- B. Semantic PPA
- C. Posterior cortical atrophy
- D. Non-fluent PPA
- E. Cerebral amyloid angiopathy

3. A man with Parkinson's Disease develops psychotic symptoms. Which antipsychotic drug treatment has the best evidence base?

- A. Quetiapine
- B. Amisulpride
- C. Haloperidol
- D. Risperidone
- E. Clozapine

4. A 43 year old gentleman presents with unwanted movements that started in his hands and now involve his limbs and face. He is also struggling with low mood and obsessional thoughts. Genetic analysis reveal multiple CAG repeats on chromosome 4.

A brain MRI is most likely to show:

- A. Caudate atrophy
- B. Cerebellar atrophy
- C. Multiple white matter intensities
- D. Putaminal infarct
- E. Lacunar infarct

5. A 70 year old man has been given a diagnosis of Lewy Body Dementia. According to recognised criteria, which of these is a core clinical feature?

- A. Hyposmia
- B. REM sleep disorder
- C. Severe sensitivity to antipsychotic agents
- D. Postural instability
- E. Orthostatic hypotension

Additional Resources / Reading Material

Online:

- Trainees Online (TrON): Neuropathology: Part 1 – dementia
- RCPsych, CPD Online modules:
 - Neuroimaging in dementia
 - Early onset dementias
 - Neuropsychiatric problems in Parkinson's disease
 - Huntington's disease

Landmark papers

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Session 4: Delirium

Learning Objectives

- The overall aim of the session is for the trainee to gain an overview of delirium
- By the end of the sessions the trainee should:
 - Understand the epidemiology of delirium and the associated risk factors.
 - Have an awareness of the basic physiological and psychological changes associated with delirium
 - Have an understanding of the clinical features of delirium and the principles of assessment and management.
 - Understand the prognosis of patients diagnosed with delirium.

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.3, 8.4, 8.5.

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above.

Case Presentation

- A case to be presented which highlights the challenges in assessment and management of a patient presenting with possible or probable delirium. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

Journal papers:

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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- Delirium or dementia?
- Delirium tremens
- The anticholinergic burden scale

MCQs

1. Which of the following is most frequently observed in delirium?

- A. Hallucinations
- B. Disturbed sleep-wake cycle
- C. Labile mood
- D. Increased motor activity
- E. Systematised delusions

2. Delirium increases the risk of developing dementia:

- A. No increase
- B. Five-fold
- C. Eight-fold
- D. 20-fold
- E. 30-fold

3. Which of the following is not a risk factor for delirium?

- A. Recent surgery
- B. Poor sight
- C. Terminal illness
- D. Pre-existing memory problems
- E. Intellectual disability

4. Which is a clinical feature common to both dementia and delirium:

- A. Rapid onset
- B. Global cognitive impairment
- C. Clouding of consciousness
- D. Clear consciousness
- E. Gradual onset over 6 months

5. Which assessment rating tool does NICE recommend using to assess for delirium:

- A. MOCA
- B. CAM
- C. MMSE
- D. ACEIII
- E. DAS21

6. Which drug is not associated with an increased risk of delirium:

- A. Calcium channel blocker
- B. Antihistamines
- C. Benzodiazepines e.g. lorazepam
- D. Tricyclic antidepressant
- E. Antipsychotics

Additional Resources / Reading Materials

Websites:

- RCPsych CPD Online: Delirium in older people: assessment and management
- <http://www.europeandeliriumassociation.com/>
- <http://www.scottishdeliriumassociation.com/>
- <https://deliriumnetwork.org/resources/>
- <https://drshibleyrahman.wordpress.com/>
- <https://www.the4at.com/>
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Session 5: Mood Disorders in the Older Person

Learning Objectives

- The overall aim of the sessions is for the trainees to gain an overview of mood disorders in later life.
- By the end of the session trainees should:
 - Understand the epidemiology, aetiology and the classification of mood disorders in the elderly.
 - Understand how mood disorders present in the elderly
 - Understand the assessment process including rating scales and neuroimaging
 - Understand the principles of treatment, including treatment resistance.
 - Understand the increased risk of suicide in the elderly.

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10.

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above.

Case Presentation

- A case to be presented which highlights key issues in an older person presenting with a mood disorder. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- Grief - when does it become pathological?
- Suicide in the elderly

MCQs

1. The features suggestive of depression-executive dysfunction syndrome would include all except:

- A. There is a long history of memory impairment and difficult with ADLs
- B. The patient complains of poor memory
- C. Assessment of cognitive function often results in 'don't know answers'
- D. The onset is fast
- E. There is often a history of depression or an identifiable precipitant

2. An 84 year old lady presents with severe depression. She had a myocardial infarction 3 months ago and her QTc is 490ms. Which antidepressant is the best choice?

- A. Sertraline
- B. Mirtazapine
- C. Paroxetine
- D. Citalopram
- E. Duloxetine

3. An 87 year old man has lost his wife recently. Which of the following clinical features would most suggest that this was an abnormal grief reaction?

- A. Loss of sleep
- B. Loss of appetite
- C. Laying the dining table for the deceased at meal times
- D. Anxiety
- E. Suicidal ideation

4. Which is not a feature of serotonin syndrome?

- A. Blurred vision
- B. Confusion
- C. Akathisia
- D. Elevated white cells
- E. Hypomimia

5. Which rating scale is most helpful in detecting depression in people with dementia?

- A. Cornell
- B. MMSE
- C. GDS
- D. AMTS
- E. Hamilton Rating Scale

6. You have a patient on lithium with a consistently elevated blood pressure. What is your most appropriate action?

- A. Start amiloride
- B. Lithium must be stopped
- C. Start furosemide
- D. Start lisinopril
- E. Start candesartan

Additional Resources / Reading Materials

Online:

- CPD Online: Quick bite: Suicide in the elderly, treating depression in later life, bereavement

Landmark studies

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Session 6: Psychosis in the Older Person

Learning Objectives

- The overall aim of the sessions is for the trainees to gain an overview of psychosis in later life.
- By the end of the session trainees should:
 - Understand the epidemiology of psychosis and psychotic disorders in the older person.
 - Understand the aetiology of psychosis in the older person.
 - Understand how psychosis presents in the older person, the classification of disorders, the basic assessment process and the principles of treatment of psychosis and psychotic disorders

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above.

Case Presentation

- A case involving an older person presenting with probable psychosis. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

- Howard, R., Cort, E., Bradley, R., Kelly, L., Bentham, P., Ritchie, C., Reeves, S., Fawzi, W., Livingston, G., Sommerlad, A. and Oomman, S., 2018. Antipsychotic treatment of very late-onset schizophrenia-like psychosis: a randomised controlled double-blind trial. *The Lancet Psychiatry*.
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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- Antipsychotics and the elderly – factors to consider when prescribing
- Schizophrenia in adults vs older adults - the key differences.
- Charles Bonnet syndrome

MCQs

1. A 76 year old lady is diagnosed with 'late paraphrenia'. Which of the following delusions is the GP most likely to find?

- A. Hypochondriachal
- B. Delusions of misidentification
- C. Religious delusions
- D. Delusions of reference
- E. Persecutory delusions

2. Very late onset schizophrenia is characterised by onset after:

- A. 40 years
- B. 60 years
- C. 65 years
- D. 70 years
- E. 80 years

3. Which antipsychotic is most likely to cause postural hypotension:

- A. Aripiprazole
- B. Risperidone
- C. Haloperidol
- D. Quetiapine
- E. Sulpiride

4. Which of the following drugs should not be used in renal failure?

- A. Amisulpride
- B. Aripiprazole
- C. Chlorpromazine
- D. Olanzapine
- E. Quetiapine

5. 'Sensitivity to antipsychotics' is a core feature of which disorder?

- A. Alzheimer's Disease
- B. Dementia with Lewy Bodies
- C. Late onset Schizophrenia
- D. Organic mood disorder
- E. Huntington's Disease

Additional Resources / Reading Material

Online:

- RCPsych CPD online. The management of hyperprolactinemia in psychiatric practice, psychotropic medication and the heart

Landmark papers

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Guidelines:

- Psychosis and schizophrenia in adults: prevention and management. NICE guidelines [CG178]

Books:

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Session 7: Anxiety Disorders in the Older Person

Learning Objectives

- The overall aim of the session is for trainees to gain an overview of anxiety in later life
- By the end of the sessions trainees should:
 - understand the epidemiology of anxiety and anxiety disorders in the older person
 - understand the aetiology of anxiety and anxiety disorders
 - understand how anxiety disorders present in later life, their classification, the basic assessment process and the principles of treatment of anxiety

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above.

Case Presentation

- A case to be presented which highlights an older person presenting with anxiety. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

- Balasubramaniam, M., Joshi, P., Alag, P., Gupta, S., Maher, S., Tampi, D., Gupta, A., Young, J. and Tampi, R., 2019. Antidepressants for anxiety disorders in late-life: A systematic review. *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, 27(3), p.S125.
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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- Benzodiazepines in the elderly
- Medical causes for anxiety in the elderly

MCQs

1. Regarding the diagnosis of anxiety:

- A. MMSE is a useful tool
- B. The 'Worry Scale' is a carer's report tool in depression
- C. HADS is a useful tool
- D. Cornell is the most useful scale in the over 75s
- E. None of the above are true

2. A diagnosis of Generalised Anxiety Disorder can only be made after how long?

- A. 6 months
- B. 3 months
- C. 6 weeks
- D. 3 weeks
- E. 1 year

3. In the elderly, anxiety is most closely linked to which condition?

- A. Schizophrenia
- B. Depression
- C. Alzheimer's Disease
- D. Diogenes Syndrome
- E. Delusional Disorders

4. A 78-year-old lady has recently been started on a new medication for anxiety but has developed hyponatraemia. Which of the following has most likely caused this?

- A. Lamotrigine
- B. Risperidone
- C. Lithium
- D. Citalopram
- E. Quetiapine

5. Approximately how many adults aged 65 and older experience a diagnosable anxiety disorder

- A. 4%
- B. 11%
- C. 15%
- D. 21%
- E. 30%

Additional Resources / Reading Material

Online:

- RCPsych CPD online: Pharmacological management of anxiety disorders

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Session 8: Medico Legal Issues in Old Age Psychiatry

Learning Objectives

- The overall aim of the session is for students to gain an overview of key legislation relating to the care of older adults.
- By the end of the sessions trainees should:
 - Understand the interface between the MCA and MHA.
 - Understand the principles to apply when assessing capacity, including the 2-stage test.
 - Understand the principles behind Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS).
 - Understand the applicability of Guardianship.
 - Gain an understanding of a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).
 - Understand the principles of testamentary capacity.

Curriculum Links

- Old Age Section of the MRCPsych Curriculum: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.5

Expert Led Session

- A Consultant led session based on the learning objectives listed above.

Case Presentation

- A case to be presented which highlights an interesting medico legal issue in a patient seen. Please consider the learning objectives above.

Journal Club Presentation

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'555' Topic (5 slides with no more than 5 bullet points per slide)

- Covert medication – ethical and legal aspects.
- MHA or MCA?
- Liberty protection safeguards – and update on the key changes?
- Guardianship

MCQs

1. Which is of the following is not a core principle of MCA 2005

- A. Everyone is assumed to have capacity
- B. All Practical steps needs to be taken to help the person to make the decision
- C. Any decision made on behalf of a person lacking capacity should be in their best interests
- D. Person cannot make a unwise decision
- E. Decision made on behalf of a person lacking capacity should be least restrictive

2. A person should be able to do the following to be able to make a decision:

- A. Understanding the information relevant to the decision
- B. Retain the information
- C. Weighing up the pros and cons of the decision
- D. Communicate the decision
- E. All of the above

3. Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) can potentially cover the following area:

- A. Property
- B. Finances
- C. Health care decisions
- D. Personal welfare decisions such as where a person lives
- E. All of the above

4. Which of the following is false regarding the legal rights of an attorney with a LPA for healthcare decisions:

- A. Cannot consent to or refuse treatment if the donor has capacity to make the particular healthcare decision
- B. Cannot make a decision relating to life-sustaining treatment if it is not explicitly specified in LPA
- C. Cannot demand medical treatment that healthcare staff do not believe is necessary or appropriate
- D. Cannot consent or refuse treatment if donor is detained under the Mental Health Act
- E. Need not always make decisions in the donor's best interests.

5. The following are true about Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards(DOLS) except:

- A. The safeguards apply to only people who lack capacity
- B. A DOLS authorisation in itself authorises specific treatment
- C. A person can only be deprived of their liberty if it's in their best interests to protect them from harm
- D. DOLS can only be authorised if it is a proportionate response to the likelihood and seriousness of the harm
- E. Applies only to people aged 18 and over

Additional Resources / Reading Material

Online:

- RCPsych CPD modules

Competence, capacity and decision-making ability in mental disorder, mental Capacity Act 2005: Part 1, mental Capacity Act 2005: Part 2

- GMC – Capacity & consent tool. <http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/29321.asp>
- <https://www.39essex.com/resources-and-training/mental-capacity-law/>
- <https://thesmallplaces.wordpress.com/author/lucyseries/> (interesting discussion and commentary on all things related to legal capacity and human rights)
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-capacity-act-code-of-practice>
- <https://themaskedamhp.blogspot.com/>
- <https://autonomy.essex.ac.uk>
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MCQ answers

Cognition

1. **E** - the stroke has damaged the parietal lobe and would cause a constructional apraxia. The other tests are related to executive function and the frontal lobes.
2. **A** - the MOCA tests for frontal lobe deficits.
3. **E** –she is presenting with progressive supranuclear palsy. A non-fluent aphasia and executive impairment is most typical in the early stages.
4. **D**
5. **C**
6. **C** – she is presenting with a probable pseudodementia or depressive dysexecutive syndrome. The MADRS would help screen for this before starting appropriate treatment.

Alzheimer's

1. **C**
2. **C**
3. **C**
4. **C**
5. **E**

Other neurodegenerative disorders

1. **A**
2. **D**
3. **E**

4. **A**

5. **B**

Delirium

1. **B**

2. **C**

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3. **E**

4. **B**

5. **B**

Mood disorders

1. **A** - a long history of memory impairment and difficulty with ADLS more suggestive of dementia

2. **A** – sertraline as supported by the SADHART trial results

3. **E**

4. **E**

5. **A**

6. **A**

Psychosis

1. **E**

2. **B**

3. **D**

4. **A**

5. **B**

Anxiety disorders

1. **E**

2. **A**

3. **B**

4. **D**

5. **B**

Medico-legal

1. **D**

2. **E**

3. **E**

4. **E**

5. **B**

Curriculum Mapping				
Section	Topic	Covered by		
		LAP	RAP	LR
8.1	Demographic population changes in the UK and Worldwide	✓	✓	✓
8.2	District Service Provision	✓	✓	✓
8.3	Specialist aspects of assessment of mental health in older people	✓	✓	✓
8.4	Psychological aspects of Physical Disease	✓	✓	✓
8.5	Prevalence/ incidence, clinical features, differential diagnosis, aetiology, management and prognosis of the common disorders occurring in later life	✓	✓	✓
8.6	Suicide and attempted suicide in old age	✓	✓	✓
8.7	Psychiatric aspects of personality in old age		✓	✓
8.8	Psychotherapy with older adults	✓	✓	✓
8.9	Bereavement and adjustment disorders	✓		✓
8.10	Sleep disorder in later life			✓
8.11	Psychosexual disorders in old age			✓

KEY: LAP = Local Educational Programme
 RAP = Regional Academic Programme
 LR = Learning Resources