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Caring for Patients With Alzheimer's and Dementia

1. Which of the following best describes the impact of amyloid plaques in the brain of a person with Alzheimer's disease?

A. They increase neuron communication by enhancing neurotransmitter productivity.
B. They disrupt communication between neurons by interfering with neurotransmitter transmission.
C. They improve brain plasticity by forming new neural networks.
D. They facilitate faster cognitive processing by clearing old neural pathways.

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2. When addressing financial management challenges for residents with mild Alzheimer's dementia due to declining executive functions, which of the following is a key strategy?

A. Implementing automatic payment setups and regular financial reviews.
B. Encouraging residents to handle all financial tasks independently.
C. Removing all access to financial information immediately.
D. Introducing complex financial planning tasks for mental stimulation.

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3. In the moderate stage of Alzheimer's dementia, residents often experience severe memory and language difficulties. Which of the following strategies can help manage these challenges?

A. Engaging residents in complex conversations to stimulate their memory.
B. Providing multi-step instructions to enhance cognitive engagement.
C. Breaking tasks into smaller steps and using visual cues for communication.
D. Minimizing interaction to prevent frustration and confusion.

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4. How can nursing home administrators effectively support families coping with the emotional toll of progressive Alzheimer's disease?

A. Encouraging families to visit less frequently to reduce emotional stress.
B. Providing them with regular updates and access to financial assistance programs.
C. Suggesting that families manage their loved one’s care independently at home.
D. Focusing solely on the resident's medical needs without involving families.

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5. What is a critical consideration for managing Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) for residents with severe Alzheimer’s dementia?

A. Encouraging residents to complete ADLs independently without supervision.
B. Providing full assistance with daily activities and ensuring a safe environment.
C. Implementing a rotating schedule of caregivers to introduce variety.

D. Allowing residents to set their own pace with minimal caregiver intervention.

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6. Which of the following factors is most linked to increased risk for vascular dementia?

A. Elevated HDL levels
B. Chronic high blood pressure
C. Smoking cessation
D. Regular physical exercise

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7. Which communication technique is most effective for de-escalating behavioral challenges in residents with dementia?

A. Using complex sentences to explain tasks
B. Maintaining a calm demeanor and speaking slowly
C. Giving multiple instructions at once
D. Contradicting the resident's perceptions

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8. How can the administration best support residents with frontotemporal dementia experiencing significant behavioral changes?

A. Focusing mainly on memory care strategies
B. Providing controlled environments with clear routines
C. Offering minimal supervision to promote independence
D. Primarily using medication for behavioral management

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9. In order to accurately differentiate between Alzheimer's disease and Lewy body dementia, which symptom would be least likely associated with Lewy body dementia?

A. Hallucinations
B. Significant muscle stiffness
C. Sudden memory loss
D. REM sleep behavior disorder

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10. One of the key challenges in diagnosing mixed dementia is:

A. Limited cognitive tests available
B. Symptoms overlap significantly with single-type dementias
C. Patients rarely exhibit any symptoms prior to a diagnosis
D. The absence of any diagnostic imaging techniques

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11. What is an important aspect of providing compassionate care for residents with dementia, as exemplified in Agnes' story?

A. Offering frequent medical check-ups to prevent episodes.

B. Taking the resident for walks outside to improve their mood.
C. Acknowledging the resident's emotions and providing reassurance.
D. Distracting the resident with social activities when they are upset.

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12. When considering the stages of Alzheimer's and dementia, which distinguishing example best illustrates a unique challenge faced in the early stage?

A. Difficulty identifying close family members.
B. Struggling to perform daily activities like dressing and eating.
C. Managing work-related tasks becomes problematic due to memory lapses.
D. Loss of motor functions leading to an increased fall risk.

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13. In de-escalating behavioral challenges associated with dementia, which communication technique is the most effective?

A. Using complex sentences to keep their attention.
B. Speaking slowly and clearly with simple sentences.
C. Increasing the volume of your voice to ensure they hear you.
D. Asking multiple questions to engage them in conversation.

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14. Which of the following is a primary benefit of non-pharmacological interventions for managing residents' well-being with dementia?

A. These interventions eliminate the need for any medications.
B. They improve cognitive function and emotional state without medication side effects.
C. They serve as a complete replacement for all daily living assistance.
D. Residents become independent without any further support.

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15. When recognizing and utilizing available resources, what important factor should caregivers consider in dementia care management meetings?

A. Ensuring all residents are prescribed the same medications.
B. Including family members and healthcare professionals to create a personalized care plan.
C. Relying solely on the caregivers' observations to guide care plans.
D. Disregarding the opinions of residents due to their impaired cognitive state.

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16. What are effective ways to create a dementia-friendly environment in a nursing home to promote resident well-being?

A. Implementing harsh overhead lighting and minimal furniture
B. Using loud music and echoing conversations
C. Incorporating biophilic design features and minimizing clutter
D. Providing overwhelming scents and bright colors

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17. Which approach is effective for managing a resident with dementia who is exhibiting agitation and frustration?

A. Correcting and arguing with the resident to bring them back to reality
B. Using repetitive instructions and ignoring their feelings
C. Providing clear choices and validating their emotions
D. Increasing the level of stimuli to distract the resident

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18. In the context of person-centered care, what is an essential strategy when creating care plans for residents with dementia?

A. Focusing solely on the medical diagnosis and standard routines
B. Including dynamic elements like personal preferences and life history
C. Ensuring the care plans are static and unchanging for consistency
D. Prioritizing the staff's convenience over the resident's preferences

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19. How can caregivers support residents with dementia in maintaining independence during Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)?

A. By providing total assistance to complete tasks quickly
B. Using complex instructions to challenge their memory
C. Breaking down tasks into manageable steps and offering verbal cues
D. Encouraging independence by leaving them alone to figure out the tasks

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20. What role does communication play in de-escalating behavioral challenges associated with dementia?

A. Using long and detailed explanations to engage the resident
B. Ignoring non-verbal cues and focusing solely on verbal communication
C. Active listening, using short sentences, and offering choices to empower residents
D. Involving multiple staff members to provide varied instructions

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21. Which of the following strategies is most effective in providing end-of-life care for residents with dementia?

A. Emphasizing aggressive medical interventions
B. Facilitating advanced care planning discussions early on
C. Limiting family visits to avoid added stress
D. Relying solely on hospice care

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22. How can caregivers best de-escalate behavioral challenges in residents with dementia, based on the lesson?

A. By ignoring repetitive questioning to avoid validating fears

B. By using a critical tone to address inappropriate language
C. By employing calm reassurances and validating the resident's feelings
D. By rushing through ADLs to keep the schedule on track

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23. In the early stages of Alzheimer's, what approach is most likely to ease a resident's family concerns about transitioning to a nursing home?

A. Focusing discussions solely on the advanced stages of the disease
B. Providing comprehensive education and resources about Alzheimer’s
C. Minimizing communication about the disease to avoid distress
D. Relying on the family to discover necessary resources independently

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24. Which communication technique can enhance a resident with severe Alzheimer's sense of inclusion during daily activities?

A. Avoiding explanation of tasks to decrease confusion
B. Speaking quickly to keep the resident's attention
C. Providing detailed descriptions and engaging in calm conversation
D. Ignoring nonverbal cues to maintain task-focused attention

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25. What is a key difference between palliative care and hospice care for residents with dementia, as discussed in the lesson?

A. Palliative care focuses on education while hospice care is for advanced disease stages
B. Palliative care is mainly for terminally ill patients, while hospice care is provided during active treatment phases
C. Palliative care focuses on symptom relief throughout illness stages, while hospice care specializes in end-of-life comfort
D. Palliative care is aimed only at early-stage dementia, while hospice care is for all stages

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26. Which of the following communication techniques is most effective for de-escalating behavioral challenges in residents with dementia?

A. Speaking quickly to convey urgency
B. Using complex sentences to keep the resident engaged
C. Maintaining a calm and soothing tone
D. Ignoring the resident to avoid confrontation

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27. When differentiating between the stages of Alzheimer's, which stage is characterized by difficulty with daily tasks such as managing finances and cooking?

A. Mild Alzheimer's
B. Moderate Alzheimer's
C. Severe Alzheimer's
D. Early-stage Alzheimer's

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28. In the case study of Mr. Jones, which aspect of Sarah's approach had the greatest impact on transforming the staff's care practices?

A. Providing a detailed medical treatment plan
B. Using a photo album to connect through Mr. Jones's past
C. Focusing solely on physical therapy exercises
D. Encouraging staff to ignore disruptive behavior

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29. Which strategy is most beneficial for managing Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) for residents with dementia?

A. Allowing residents to perform tasks independently without supervision
B. Incorporating familiar routines into daily activities
C. Changing the daily routines frequently to maintain interest
D. Focusing solely on cognitive stimulation activities

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30. What is the primary advantage of involving a resident's past experiences and memories in their care plan, as demonstrated in the case study of Mr. Jones?

A. It eliminates the need for physical therapy sessions
B. It prevents any behavioral issues from arising
C. It fosters a deeper emotional connection and improves overall well-being
D. It reduces the workload for the care staff

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