

Atypical Presentation of Illness in Older Adults

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Abstract

Symptoms of Hypoactive Delirium: The person “isn’t right” – sudden change in thinking/mental status, tired (lethargic), staying bed

- May or may not have a fever
- Change in baseline vital signs (heart rate, weight loss, change in appetite)
- Constipation
- Underlying Infection

Symptoms of Hyperactive Delirium: Behaviors are trying to get out of bed, fighting, fluctuating mental status (CAM)

- WILD: Doesn’t stand for the behavior #lol
- Water depletion (dehydration)
- Infection
- Labs, abnormal (hyponatremia, WBCs)
- Drugs (new medications, toxicity, adverse effects)

Other common presentations in older adults those are different than younger adults.

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