**Abstract Submission –1 hour oral session**

**Title**

Considering the Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

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**Background**

Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia is an incredibly challenging set of symptoms to manage and the data does not give us many answers. We use current guidelines to direct our management but often it comes down to the art of medicine.

Knowing and understanding the Guidelines is important however, as it gives tools and concepts that are helpful as we practice the art.

**Aims**

Understand the current guidelines relating to Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia.

Develop a method for using the guidelines to manage patients with Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia.

**Method**

Collate and summarise the current guidelines relating to Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia. Gather the relevant information and deliver useful and practice aspects of the guidelines.

**Results**

Improve the care of people with Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia.

**Conclusion**

This session will never cover all of the aspects of managing these patients, however, it will give GPs a framework to use and resources to improve their care of their older patients.

**References** (If applicable)

[Assessment and Management of People with Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) A Handbook for NSW Health Clinicians.](https://www.ranzcp.org/Files/Publications/A-Handbook-for-NSW-Health-Clinicians-BPSD_June13_W.aspx)

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