

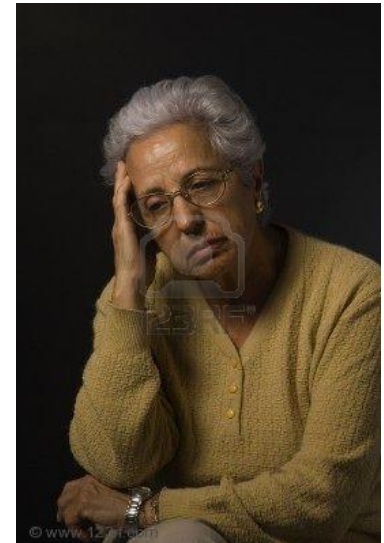
Mental Health Issues and Older Adults

Mini Case Studies



Sylvia age 94 years

- “I don’t know what happened I always liked to knit for charity and meet my grandchildren for lunch and now everything gets on my nerves.....yesterday I screamed at a lady at my dinner table...that is not me...I can’t seem to stay still yet I also get nothing done...maybe I would be better off dead..”



Sylvia

- What tools would be useful in assessing Sylvia?
- What other questions would the nurse ask Sylvia?
- What other factors might be contributory in this case?

Sam age 86 years

“I am doing fine but I wish I could convince my kids of that....so I didn't balance my checkbook just so last month...I forgot to pay the gas bill...big deal I know plenty of people who do that. I got a bit lost coming home from the store the other night; it could happen to anybody...I think I do ok so I got lost coming home from the store”



Dorothy age 77 years

“It was so strange that they allow dogs and cats in the hospital now.....I saw them under the bed at the hospital...the nurses didn't seem to mind....so I guess they don't mind here either ...do you see the nice kitty over there.....”



Henry age 89 years



“I knew that the stroke was going to slow me down a bit, but I didn’t know how much. My kids decided that I could no longer live on my own.... Physically and mentally I was failing they said...They found a nice retirement community close to where they lived...I would live in what is called assisted living...have my own apartment come and go as I pleased...They packed up my home in no time flat and boom I was moved.....But I was still working...not much but I had a few cases I was working on....this didn’t seem to matter....”

Henry

- Physical and Psychiatric Assessment
- Outcome Predictors from Physical and Psychiatric
- Past History
- Henry's expectations v. Family expectations
- Individual Aging Patterns



“Why does everybody always look at my daughter for the answer when they ask me the question...I know I was depressed and sick for a period of time but hey...here I am now”

