

Assaultive behavior in geriatric patients.

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摘要

Abstract

The causes of assaultive behavior can be grouped into three categories: patient factors, environmental factors, and caregiver factors. History of previous assault and diagnosis of dementia or organic brain syndrome are most often associated with assaultive behavior in elderly patients. Limited body space and excessive environmental stimuli can trigger assaultive behavior. Gerontological nurses can prevent the incidence of assault by recognizing the potential risks, preventing patients' fear and anxiety, reducing the outburst of anger, and decreasing patients' agitation.