Get to Know Me!

The importance of personhood in tailoring approaches to prevent or reduce responsive behaviours/ personal expressions.

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What are responsive behaviours/ personal expressions?

- Associated with dementia, complex mental health, substance use and/or other neurological conditions.
- Words or actions that are a form of meaningful communication, often in response to unmet needs.
- Result of changes in the brain that may be affecting mood, judgment, perception and memory and/or changes in the person's environment

(Alzheimer Society of Canada, 2019; Behavioural Supports Ontario, n.d.).



Responsive Behaviours/Personal Expressions



4	Vocal E	Expressions (Repetitive)		
Crying		Questions		
Grunting		Requests		
Humming		Sighing		
Moaning		Words		
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6	Sexual	Expression	of Risk
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Explicit sexual comments

- Public masturbation
- Touching others genitals
- Touching others non-genitals

Other:





(DOS Working Group, 2019)

What is personhood and why is it important?

- 'Personhood' refers to information about a person which ultimately leads to recognition, respect and trust that is given from one person to another within a caring relationship (Kitwood, 1997; McCormack & McCance, 2017).
- Knowing the individual as a unique person is an essential part of providing person and family-centred care (RNAO, 2015).
- Knowing the individual's history, likes, dislikes, interests and usual routines is essential in order for clinical teams to find the meaning behind responsive behaviours/personal expressions (RNAO, 2016).







Utilizing Personhood Information

- How is personhood information collected and shared within the organization?
- How have you used personhood information in caring for your patients?
- What could you do today to utilize personhood information for one of your patients?





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Behavioural Education and Training Supports Inventory (BETSI)

- Delirium, Dementia, and Depression in Older Adults
- DementiAbility Methods
- Geriatric Essentials E-Learning Modules
- Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA)
- LIVING the Dementia Journey
- Mental Health First Aid for Seniors
- P.I.E.C.E.S.[™] Learning and Development Program
- U-First!
- Validation Communication





We want your feedback!

- Use the QR code on the 'My Behaviour Has Meaning!' poster to provide feedback on the poster and the QR code below to provide feedback on today's session.
- Your confidential input will be added to others' and be provided to the Behavioural Supports in Acute Care Collaborative. This helps us know the value in this type of education and will help inform any future updates.





Wrap Up

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