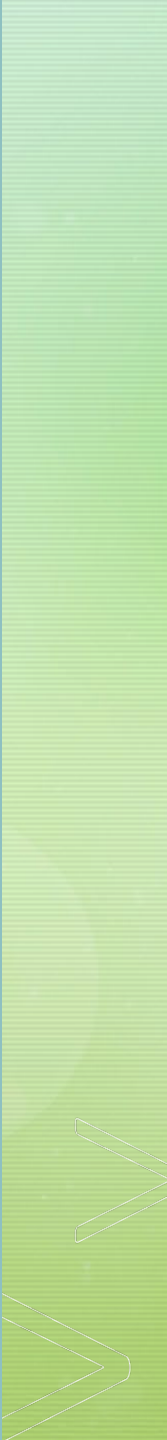


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# Cognitive and General Assessment of Older Adults



# Gathering The Story

- Hearing impairment of the patient
  - Listening impairment of the provider
  - The art of working with dyads
  - The functional so what – the 5 Ms
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# The Geriatric 5 Ms



MIND



MOBILITY



MEDICATIONS



MULTI-  
COMPLEXITY



MATTERS  
MOST

# “Cockpit Sign”

- The day’s necessities kept within arm’s reach
- May reflect impairment of mobility, poor stamina, frailty, depression
- May hold clues to lifestyle factors impacting health



# Conceptual framework for clinical reasoning in geriatric medicine

## Kevin's Comb (Diagnostic Reasoning)

## Becky's Braids (Management Reasoning)



### Symptoms & Signs

Patients present with a complicated tangle of inter-related symptoms and signs

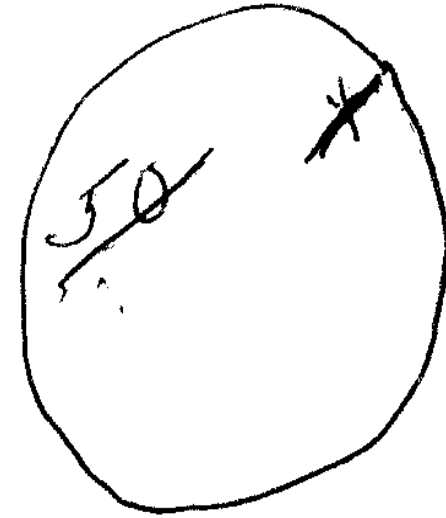
### Diagnoses & Problems & Syndromes

Multiple passes with Kevin's Comb allows successive identification of disease processes and interactive processes contributing to geriatric syndromes, clarifying the clinical picture

### Guidance & Treatment & Support

Working collaboratively with patients and families, a goal-focused care plan is constructed. Subsequent visits re-evaluate efficacy, acceptability, evolving health status and care goals

What it's all  
about...



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