

OSCE

Candidate information

Your intern has been assessing Ronald, an 80 year old male who was sent in by his GP with a suspected UTI. The intern has told you that Ronald has a history of mild dementia and frequent falls and lives with his wife. His regular medications include aspirin, pramipexole, and temazepam.

The intern has approached you in Resusc, as Ronald has become increasingly aggressive and is now refusing all treatment. The nurse would like to call a code black, as she feels Ronald could lash out physically.

You are currently unable to leave Resusc to assess Ronald, as you are managing a complicated patient.

Please advise the intern on how to manage Ronald.

Domain	%
Medical expertise	
Prioritisation and decision making	40
Communication	30
Teamwork and collaboration	
Leadership and management	
Health advocacy	10
Scholarship and teaching	20
Professionalism	

Elderly code black sedation

Actor (intern) information

You have been assessing Ronald, an 80 year old male who was sent in by his GP with a suspected UTI. Ronald has a history of mild dementia and frequent falls and lives with his wife. His regular medications include aspirin, pramipexole, and temazepam.

His wife says he suffers from Parkinson's disease, but you are only to tell the consultant this if they ask for past medical history.

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You have approached your consultant, who is unable to leave Resusc to help you directly, to ask how to manage Ronald acutely.

Prompts:

- Should Ronald be allowed to leave?
- What medications should I use to control his aggression/behaviour?
- Can I detain Ronald?

Marking:

	Mark
Identifies need to call Code Black and sedate Ronald	2
Detains Ronald on level 1 ITO	2
Asks for history/medications	1
Appropriate choice of sedation –lorazepam, midazolam, quetiapine	2
Identifies need to keep Ronald for assessment – cannot leave	1
Offers to find help for intern if they feel unable to manage Ronald	1
Approach to intern – clear, concise	1
<i>Automatic fail if suggests haloperidol/risperidone/olanzapine – Parkinson's patient!</i>	-10