ASSESSING THE RISK OF IMMINENT VIOLENCE IN THE ELDERLY: THE BROSET CHECKLIST

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This presentation will review the <u>Broset Violence Checklist</u>, a simple tool to assess the risk of imminent violence in the elderly. It assesses confusion, irritability, boisterousness, verbal threats, and attacks on objects as either present or absent. An individual displaying two or more of these behaviors is more likely to be violent in the next 24-hour period. Residents with a history of violence need frequent monitoring to establish baseline behavior and identify clues to impending aggressive episodes. Use of the Broset Violence Checklist at regular intervals may provide an earlier, objective warning that a resident is starting to escalate and that staff should consider implementing behavioral or medical interventions.