

Exploring the



**Behaviours in
Dementia
Toolkit**

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Resources for Acute Care Teams

People living with dementia are a large group of patients in acute care settings. Many patients with dementia are living in hospitals as they wait to be discharged to institutionalized care.

Click the links below to explore resources specifically designed to support health care providers to recognize and meet the needs of people with dementia in acute care.

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[How can we improve acute care for people with dementia?](#)

University of West London

Short video identifies 2 key reasons acute care settings are problematic for people with dementia and links to research-informed solutions.



[Behavioural Supports in Acute Care Capacity Building Package](#)

Behavioural Supports Ontario

Posters and slide decks to support mini staff education sessions reinforcing foundational knowledge about providing quality care to older adults with or at risk of behaviours in dementia and/or other mental health conditions.

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“ Beneath every behaviour is a feeling.
And beneath every feeling
there is a need.

And when we meet that need rather
than focus on the behaviour,
we begin to deal with the cause
not the symptom.

Ashleigh Warner, Psychologist

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Violence Prevention: Communication

Health Employers Association of BC

Videos, exercises and resources show learners how to incorporate respectful communication strategies to prevent escalation or defuse an emotional crisis before it becomes a behavioural emergency.

Person-Centred Language in Acute Care E-Course

Regional Geriatric Programs of Toronto

Self-directed, online modules support learners to use person-centred language that is specific, objective and respectful in patient documentation.

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Overcoming Barriers to Culturally Safe and Appropriate Dementia Care Services and Supports for Indigenous Peoples in Canada

National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health

Current knowledge summary offers research-informed information and practical tips to support Indigenous people living with dementia.



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