

PRECEPTOR SCRIPT

CASE 11 : “The Ativan’s working”

Setting: Inpatient ward.

An anxious intern has just presented the case of a delirious elderly post-operative woman.

Step 1: **Ask the intern:** “What do you think is going on? OR What are you considering? OR How do you put this case together?” Pause and listen to the intern’s response.

Step 2: **Ask the intern:** “What else did you consider? OR Why do you think that?” Pause and listen to the intern’s response.

Step 3:

TEACH the intern about the key features of *acute delirium*, and the best way to manage delirium in the hospital setting.

Provide **REINFORCEMENT** for what the intern did well.

CORRECT MISTAKES, if you identify errors of any type.