

## APPENDIX IV B

### BEHAVIOURS IN THE ELDERLY USUALLY NOT AMENABLE TO PHARMACOTHERAPEUTIC MANAGEMENT\*

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- Wandering without aim; pacing.
- Inappropriate ambulation into others' rooms, toilets, beds.
- Inappropriate, insulting, hostile, or obnoxious verbalizing (including perseveration, echolalia, incoherence, calling out, cursing, strange noises, yelling, or screaming).
- Annoying activities (touching, hugging, unreasonable request, invading someone's personal space, banging a walker, repetitive tapping, rocking, etc.)
- Hypersexuality (verbal or physical).
- Inappropriate sexual activities (including public masturbation, exposing oneself).
- Willfulness or other difficult personality traits (including refusing treatments, medications, cares, or food).
- Hoarding materials (pencils, straws, cups, toiletries, clothes, and so on from other patient rooms, nursing stations, med carts, etc.).
- Approaching ("stealing") items from other patients and staff (glasses, teeth, pens, etc.).
- Inappropriate urination/defecation (including smearing feces).
- Spitting.
- Inappropriate undressing/dressing.
- Constant requests, comments, or questions.
- Prolonged, frequent repetition of words/sentences.
- Hiding things.
- Pushing a wheelchair-bound patient.
- Tearing things; flushing items down toilet.
- Inadvertently putting oneself or someone else in a hazardous situation/place.
- Eating inedible objects (including feces).

- Bumping into objects; tripping over someone or something.
  - Tugging at/removal of restraints.
  - Physical self-abuse, e.g. scratching or picking at oneself, banging head, removing catheter.
  - Inappropriate isolation, e.g. refusal to leave room or to socialize.
  - Physically disruptive (dumping or throwing food trays; eating from another's tray; lying on floor).
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\*These behaviours assume the absence of anxiety, major depression, mania, delusions, or hallucinations.