

DELIRIUM

IT IS COMMON

Delirium is common affecting around 20% of medical patients in hospital

THE 2 TYPES

HYPERACTIVE - agitated
HYPOACTIVE - sleepy, drowsy



DRUGS ARE BAD

Usually make things worse.
The Anti-Cholinergic Burden (ACB)
Scale ranks drugs by their likelihood to worsen the confusion

KEY FEATURES

Acute Onset
Fluctuating Course
Altered Consciousness
Disturbed Perceptions
Impaired Cognition

MEDICAL CONDITION

It is a sign of an underlying problem that needs treating. There are many many causes, so a comprehensive review is required.

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