**Learner Feedback Questions #333**

1. A prescribing cascade is described as:
   a. increasing medications for each new symptom or behavior
   b. the effect when medications prescribed for new symptoms cause potent side effects
   c. the behavioral pattern of patients with dementia when prescribed more than six medications
   d. increased memory loss in patients with dementia when specific drugs are prescribed

2. The primary purpose of practitioners and hospitals using NICHE protocols for older adults is to:
   a. decrease the use of medications
   b. adhere to appropriate use of medications
   c. choose non-pharmacological interventions first
   d. avoid the use of all medications that affect the central nervous system

3. The Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults identifies how many medications or classes of drugs that should be avoided in older adults?
   a. 23
   b. 48
   c. 72
   d. 225

4. A significant reason for adverse drug effects in older adults with dementia is:
   a. vascular changes affect the blood-brain barrier
   b. increased destruction of neurons with aging
   c. decreased function of the myelin sheath
   d. liver failure in many older adults

5. Which of the statements about the FDA-approved drugs for Alzheimer’s disease is true?
   a. They can only be used in patients with mild symptoms.
   b. They can only be prescribed for homebound patients who receive 1:1 care.
   c. Generally, there is little improvement in cognition, unless the patient is on the medication for at least 6 months.
   d. When these drugs are prescribed, they generally slow the neural degradation process.

6. Coleman and Naylor’s research indicates the main reason for recidivism to the hospital after older adults are discharged home is:
   a. medication errors
   b. medications not prescribed for insomnia
   c. falls following overuse of medications
   d. adverse drug reactions from prescribed medications

7. The best intervention to avoid the prescription cascade in older patients is for nurses to:
   a. review medications with caregivers
   b. recommend to caregivers no OTCs should be given
   c. be educated about and apply the NICHE protocols
   d. teach caregivers to destroy discontinued medications

8. Which of the following classes of drugs prescribed frequently for older adults and those with dementia illnesses does NOT have central nervous system activity?
   a. psychotropics
   b. analgesics
   c. sedatives
   d. anti-inflammatories

9. The major problem for patients with dementing diseases having trouble with their medications is:
   a. poor eyesight
   b. short-term memory loss
   c. diminished fine motor control
   d. difficulty swallowing

10. Changes in pharmacodyamics or effects of medication occur as early as age:
    a. 35
    b. 45
    c. 50
    d. 60

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**Evaluation**

1. I can describe common symptoms, behaviors and outcomes of individuals with dementing diseases, when treated with medications:
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

2. I can identify alternative, non-pharmacologic approaches and resources in the management of those with dementing diseases:
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

3. I can identify physiologic changes that occur with age that affect drug tolerance:
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

4. I can identify appropriate medication options management of symptoms and behaviors associated with dementing illnesses:
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

5. The objectives relate to the overall goal of the article:
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

6. The article is well-written and logically organized, and defines terms adequately:
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

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**EVALUATION**

1. A  B  C  D  E
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