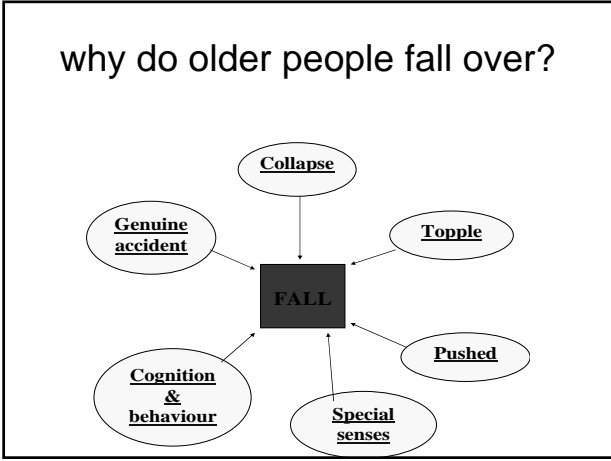




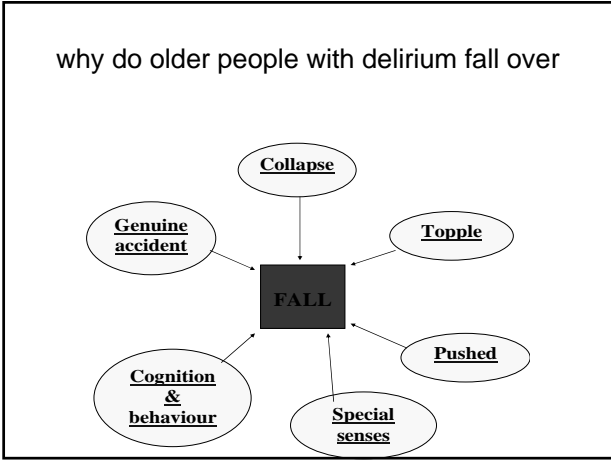
delirium, delirium

(what's that got to do with falls?)



check this out

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how would these people come to your notice

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- found on the floor
- more confused
- unsteady
- can't cope
- suddenly unsteady
- can't get out of bed
- collapsed
- hasn't appeared
- you can't get in
- pain
- symptoms of the cause

what is delirium

Delirium: the neurological effects of a systemic illness

sudden worsening of cognition
attention deficit
fluctuations
hallucinations
"reversible"

what do you need to do

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protect them

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- **protect them**
 - from falling
 - from the illness that's causing it
 - from aspiration
 - from distress
 - from pain
 - from not eating and drinking
 - from life decisions made before recovery
- protect family

what do you need to do

get someone to sort out what's caused this

delirium is a medical emergency

what would you need to do for these people to stop them falling over

and what else

what do you need to do

- imagine yourself as they are
 - can I do what they tell me
 - am I frightened
 - what will I be thinking I must do
 - what about the toilet
 - eating and drinking
 - pain

how will you protect them

over to you



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what causes delirium

- inflammation
- metabolic disturbance
- ischaemia
- drug toxicity and withdrawal
- operations
- pain
- urinary retention
- sleep deprivation
- sensory isolation
- combinations
- can't find a cause

who gets delirium

- older
- brain impairment
- sicker
- sensory impairment
- previous delirium
- more drugs