Multicomponent, non-pharmacological delirium interventions for older inpatients. A scoping review.

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Identified multicomponent, non-pharmacological interventions and patient outcomes

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1	Allen et al. (2011)	P&M	Six-Item Screener, NU-DESC	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional				х	х	х			х	х			х	х	х		Computerized treatment order set: with standardized diagnostic, procedures	Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ 7.2% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ 8.8% (1.6% difference; 95% CI=-5.9% to 9.1%) Length of stay: IG ⁽¹⁾ 4.0 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 7.6 days (3.6-day difference; 95% CI= 0.66 to 6.9) Post-implementation outcomes: fewer deaths: 23% vs. 9.5%; transfers to ICU: 18% vs. 0%; fewer 30-day readmissions; 31% to 5%; higher percentage of post-implementation patients had antipsvchotic medication administered during stay
2	Andro et al. (2012)	Р	No routine screening; study-phase: CAM	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	х	х	х		х	Х	х		х	х		х						 Incidence of delirium: IG⁽¹⁾: 5.26% vs. CG⁽²⁾: 15.45%, (RR 0.34 Cl 95% 0.15-0.78) MMSE: Pre-phase: mean MMSE 14.3 ± 7.8; post-phase: mean MMSE 13.9 ± 6.9
3	Avendaño Céspedes et al. (2016)	P&M	CAM	Nurse-led intervention	x	x	x		x	х	х	х	х	х		x	х	х	х	х	Caregiver booklet	Prevalence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 33.3% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 48.3% (RR 0.54; 95% CI 0.17–1.72) Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 14.3% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 41.4% (RR 0.24; 95% CI 0.06–0.99; p=.039) Duration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 1.7 (range1-6) vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 3.4 days (range 1-13) (p=.063) Severity of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 35.0 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 65.0 (mean difference 30.0, 95% CI 1.5-58.5, p=.040), but mean severity per day was higher in the IG ⁽¹⁾ (21.1 vs. 18.6) Mortality: delirious patients compared to patients without delirium at admission: 33.3% vs. 14.6%, but without differences in: IG ⁽¹⁾ and CG ⁽²⁾ Length of stay: patients with delirium compared to those without delirium: 7.7 (SD 4.1) vs. 7.1 (SD 4.2) days
4	Benedict et al. (2009)	Р	NEECHAM (modified)	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	х	х	х		х	х	х		х	х			х	х	х		Caregiver booklet, geriatric screening: GDS, alcohol- anamnesis	incidence of delirium: no effect Mean of modified NEECHAM on day 3 for the IG ⁽¹⁾ was 3.76 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 3.24, p=.368; Medication: anticholinergic during hospital stay: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 14% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 9% Length of stay: IG ⁽¹⁾ 6.0 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 5.8 Functional deficits: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 77% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 61%
5	Bo et al. (2009)	Р	No routine screening; study-phase: CAM/DRS	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	х		х			х	х		х	х		х	х					 Incidence of delirium: IG⁽¹⁾: 6.6% vs. CG⁽²⁾: 15.2% (adjusted: RR: 0.90, 95% CI 0.024-0.331, p<.001 (setting was independently associated with lower incidence, p<.001) Length of stay: all delirious patients stayed longer (12.3 -f 3.4 vs. 6.3 + 2.0 d, p<0.001).
6	Foster et al. (2010)	P&M	Abbreviated mental test; study-phase: CAM	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	x	х	х	х						х					x		Clinical pathway/ standardized nursing care, "information and "rummage box", carer leaflet	Prevalence of delirium: similar in both groups, 34 randomly selected sets of patients' notes were audited over a 4-week period. Nurses noted confusion in 14, physicians in 10 cases. Only 4 patients had an Abbreviated Mental Test. All patients had between 1-6 prevention strategies implemented according to the care plan
7	Godfrey et al. (2013)	Р		Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х		х	х		х	х		Not focused on patient-outcomes
8	Hasemann et al. (2016)	P&M	DOS; clock test, MSQ; study-phase: CAM, DRS-R-98	(Nurse-led) Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	х	Advanced screening: digit span/ clock-/ comprehension test, MMSE, individual intervention plan	Incidence of delirium: 3,6% lower in IG ⁽¹⁾ , but not significantly (p=.896) Severity of delirium: no significant effect IG ⁽¹⁾ : vs. CG ⁽²⁾ (F(1,102) = 0.093; p=.761) Uration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 4.1 days (SD 3.4) vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 3.0 days (SD 3.1) Adherence vs. non-adherence: (F(1.48) = 4.079, p=.050 (overall non-adherence rate: 34.1%) Shift from neuroleptic to atypical neuroleptic less Lorazepam use (U=361.5; p=.027)
9	Holroyd- Leduc et al. (2010)	Р	CAM	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional					х	х	х			х	х	х		х	х		Study	Incidence of delirium: no effect on the over-all delirium rate (33% pre vs. 31% post, p=.84), differences in enrolled hospitals Mortality: no pre-post differences (one death among those enrolled) Length of stay: no significant differences in 12 days post vs. 14 days pre; p=.74 Falls: 6% post vs. 10% pre; p=.43 Discharges to long-term care: 6% post vs. 13% pre; p=.20
10	Holt et al. (2013)	Р	No routine screening; study-phase: CAM/ DRS-R-98	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional			х		х	х	х		х			х			х			Delirium incidence during first 7 days: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 4.6% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 13.3%, p=.006 Duration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 0.06 days, ± 0.287 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 0.29 days; ± 0.931, p=.002 Severity of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 9.17, ± 7.94 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 10.86, ± 4.92; p=.005 Mortality/length of hospital stay/functional status at discharge/admission to long-term care: no significant group differences Readmission: CG ⁽²⁾ were significantly higher

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11	Jeffs et al. (2013)	Р	No routine screening; study-phase: CAM/ MMSE, clock test	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional		х	х						х									 Incidence of delirium: IG⁽¹⁾: 4.9%, 95 % CI 2.3%-7.3% vs. CG⁽²⁾: 5.9% 95% CI 3.8- 9.2% Duration of delirium: IG⁽¹⁾: median: 2.4 (IQR: 0.9-8.9) vs. CG⁽²⁾: 2.1 (IQR: 1.4–6.6) days, p=0.9 Severity of delirium: IG⁽¹⁾: median: 3.0 (IQR: 3.0-5.0) vs. CG⁽²⁾: 4.0 (IQR: 3.0-4.5), p=0.7 Discharge destination/length of stay: no effect
12	Kratz et al. (2015)	Р	DOS; study-phase: other several tests	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional		х	х	х	х	х	х		х				х		Х		Individual intervention plan, validation method	Incidence of post-operative delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 4.9% (95% CI 0.0-11.5) vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 20.8% (95% CI 11.3-32.1), p=.046 (pre-intervention: 20.2%) Important predictors of post-operative delirium: low score of MMSE, advanced age, preoperative infection
13	Kurrle et al. (2019)	P&M	Cognitive screening: AMTS and further tests; delirium screening:, DRAT, CAM	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	x	x	x	x	х	x	х	х	х	x	х	x	x	х	х	x	Avoiding physical restrains, CHOPs icons/magnets/ posters, advanced risk assessment, family information, education and involvement, considering anxiety, fall prevention	Cognitive screening at admission: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 37 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 29 (OR = 1.42, 1.04-2.72) • Cognitive screening within 24 h: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 31 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 12 (OR = 3.32, 2.50-4.90) • DRAT completed: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 43 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 31 (OR = 1.73, 1.28-2.33) • Delirium risk identified: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 48 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 19 (OR = 4.04, 2.89-5.64) • Cognitive screening repeated: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 28 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 15 (OR = 2.25, 1.56-3.25) • Delirium assessment conducted: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 56 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 33 (OR = 2.55, 1.90-3.43) • Antipsychotics prescribed: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 21 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 64 (OR = 1.34, 0.71-1.88) • Physical restraints used: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 64 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 39 (OR = 2.81, 2.09-3.79) • Delirium coded at discharge: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 79 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 27 (OR = 10.2, 7.23-14.2)
14	Lundström et al. (1999)	P & M	No routine screening; study-phase: OBS-scale	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	X	x					X		X		X	X		x	X	x	Individual intervention plan, team collectively formulates goals with patients, 2 contact persons	Comparison to previous studies I and II: • Prevalence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 20.4% vs. CGI ⁽²⁾ : 33.3% (p.098), CGI ⁽²⁾ : 29.1% (p=.253); • Post-operative incidence: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 30.6% vs. CGI ⁽²⁾ : 61.3% (p<.001), CGII ⁽²⁾ : 47.6% (p=.047); stay: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 12.5 vs. CGI ⁽²⁾ : 17.4, CGII ⁽²⁾ : 11.6 days • Duration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 16.3% vs. CGI ⁽²⁾ : 39.6% (p=.004), CGII ⁽²⁾ : 29.1% (p=.088) • In-hospital mortality: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 2.0% vs. CGI ⁽²⁾ : 2.7% (p=.805), CGII ⁽²⁾ : 5.8%, (p=.298) • Six-month mortality: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 16.3% vs. CGI ⁽²⁾ : 16.2% (p=.986), CGII ⁽²⁾ : 12.6%, (p=.536) Comparison to previous study III: • Incidence of delirium: lower post-operative delirium (26.7% vs. 42.9%, p.129) • Better walking abilities and living conditions Comparison to previous studies IV and V: • Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 21.0% vs. CGIV ⁽²⁾ : 52.0% (p<.001), CGIV ⁽²⁾ : 44.0% (p=.014)
15	Lundström et al. (2005)	P & M	No routine screening; study-phase: OBS-scale, MMSE	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional		x					x	x	x	x					х	x	Reorganisation patient allocation system with individual care, treat/assess underlying causes	- Prevalente or Usefficials equally on admission and on day 7 in 13.5% (1=1935, 30.2% vs. CG ²¹ : n=377 62, 59.7%, p=.001) - Duration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 10.8, ±8.3 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 20.5, ±17.2 days, p<.001 - No patient with dementia remained delirious on day 7 in IG ⁽¹⁾ compared with four patients still delirious on day 7 in CG ⁽²⁾ - Length of stay: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 9.4 ± 8.2 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 13.4 ± 12.3 days, p=.001); delirious patients: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 10.8 ± 8.3 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 20.5 ± 17.2 days, p<.001 - Mortality: 2 delirious patients in IG ⁽¹⁾ and 9 in CG ⁽²⁾ died during hospitalization (p=.03)
16	Lundström et al. (2007)	P & M	No routine screening; study-phase: OBS-scale, MMSE, GDS- 15	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional							х	x	x	x	х	х	X	x	x	x	Individual intervention plan, teamwork explicitly named as intervention, prevention of decubiti, osteoporosis, falls, rehabilitation, advanced mobilization	• Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 54.9% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 75.3%, p=.003; IG ⁽¹⁾ : 18% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 52 % were delirious after 7. Post-operative day, p<.007 • Prevalence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 21.8% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 30.9%, p=.144 • Duration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 5.0, ± 7.1 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 10.2, ± 13.3 days, p=.009 • Duration of delirium: post-operative delirium in patients with dementia was in IG ⁽¹⁾ : 3.2 ± 4.1 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 12.8 ± 17.6 days in CG ⁽²⁾ (p=.003) (15 patients with dementia in CG ⁽²⁾ were delirious on discharge, 9 from IG ⁽¹⁾ (p=.001) • Mortality: did not differ during hospitalization and at the 4-and 12-month follow-ups between intervention and control samples • Patients from IG ⁽¹⁾ had fewer complications, such as decubitus ulcers, urinary tract infections, nutritional complications, sleeping problems and falls than CG ⁽²⁾ • Length of stay: hospitalization was shorter in IG ⁽¹⁾ than in the CG ⁽²⁾ (28.0 ± 17.9 days vs. 38.0 ± 40.6 days, p=.028
17	Mattison et al. (2014)	P & M	RASS, CAM	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional	х								х	х			х	х	Х		Computerized physician-order entry system, checklist to accompany standard bedside monitoring, daily review	In-hospital mortality: Age class 70-79: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 1.7% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 1.7%; age class ≥ 80: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 2.5% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 2.8%; p=.39 The number of orders to activate the rapid response team increased in participants receiving the bundle and in controls (differences OR=1.23, 95% CI 0.68-2.24, p=.49) Participants receiving the bundle had less haloperidol (OR=0.60, 95% CI 0.39-0.91, p=.02) and less morphine (OR=0.52, 95% CI 0.42-0.63, p<.001) Participants who received bundle were more likely to be discharged home (OR=1.18, 95% CI1.04-1.35, p=.01)

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18	Milisen et al. (2001)	P&M	NEECHAM; study-phase: CAM	Nurse-led interdisciplinary intervention program										x				×	х		Standard nursing care plan, "resource nurse for delirium"	Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 20.0% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 23.3%, p.82 Duration of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : median: 1 day vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : median: 4 days (IQR=5.5), p=.03) Severity of delirium: less (p=.0049) in IG ⁽¹⁾ Length of stay: trend toward decreased stay Cognitive functioning: only a difference in the sub dimension "memory" in the IG ⁽¹⁾ (p=.0357) Functional status: no effects Mortality: results were inconclusive
19	Miller et al. (2004)	P&M	No routine screening; study-phase: NEECHAM, Katz Index, discomfort assessment with DS-DAT	Nurse-led intervention	x	x			x	x	x		х			x	x	x	х		Elder care supportive protocol (client profile, individualized care, elder guide), observation checklist, advanced caregiver involvement	Patient's discomfort: The IG ⁽¹⁾ had significantly less discomfort at T2 (mean, 6.38) than the baseline group (mean, 8.25) (independent samples t-test, r[50] = 2.70, p=.047; but after repeated measures ANOVA, these differences were no longer significant (p=.075) Further outcome variable was described: family involvement no significant differences between baseline and treatment conditions for the outcome variables of physical function, acute confusion, and length of stay
20	Pitkälä et al. (2006)	М	Routine: MMSE; study- phase: CAM, MMSE, digit span, proxy interview	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional				х			х		х	x					х		Individually tailored comprehensive geriatric assessment/ treatment, detailed diagnostics of underlying causes, discharge planning	Cognitive status: cognition, according to MMSE score had significantly improved after baseline (IG ⁽¹⁾ :18.4 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 15.8, p=.047) Complications during hospitalization (e.g. new fractures): IG ⁽¹⁾ : 16.1 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 19.1 Mortality (1-year follow-up): IG ⁽¹⁾ : 60.0% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 64.4%, p=.638 Permanent institutional care (1-year follow-up): IG ⁽¹⁾ : 42.5% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 51.7%, p=.224 Medication: IG ⁽¹⁾ received significantly more acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (58.6% vs. 9.2%), atypical antipsychotics (69.8% vs. 30.2%), and fewer conventional neuroleptics (8.0% vs. 23.0%) than CG ⁽²⁾
21	Robinson et al. (2008)	Р	Retrospective chart-based method (68)	Nurse-led intervention	х	х			х				х			х			Х		Caregiver information (ADL's); portable amplifying device	Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 13.8% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 37.5%, p>.001 Subgroup analyses people with dementia: 12 subjects (with various other risk factors) six of the pre-intervention group developed delirium, only 1 in the post-intervention group
22	Rudolph et al. (2014)	Р	Days of the week/ months of the year backward, clock test	Nurse-led intervention				х	х								х		х		Education for patients and family members	Length of stay: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 4.4 days vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 5.1 days Restraint use: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 2.8% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 6.9% Rehabilitation discharge: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 2.0.1% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 17.9% Cost: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 9.446 \$ vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 10.836 \$
23	Vidán et al. (2009)	Р	No routine screening; study-phase: CAM	Multidisciplinary/ interprofessional			x		x	x	х		х	x			х		х		Caregiver letter, advanced geriatric assessment	• Incidence of delirium: $IG^{(1)}$: 11.7% vs. $CG^{(2)}$: 18.5%, p=.04, RR 37 % (after adjustment: intervention was associated with lower incidence: $OR=0.4$, 95 %, $OR=0.24-0.77$, p=.005 • Duration of delirium: $IG^{(1)}$: 31.1 ± 43.0 vs. $CG^{(2)}$: 33.6 ± 22.0, p=.73 • Severity of delirium: $IG^{(1)}$: 4.9 ± 0.4 vs. $CG^{(2)}$: 53.5 ± 1.0, p=.08 • Length of delirium episode, hours: $IG^{(1)}$: 31.1 ± 43.0 vs. $CG^{(2)}$: 33.6 ± 22.0, p=.73 • Recurrence of delirium: $IG^{(1)}$: $OR=0.20$ •
24	Wand et al. (2014)	P&M	No routine screening; study-phase: CAM, MMSE, RUDAS, Barthel	Multi-disciplinary/ interprofessional	х				х	х	х	х	х	х		х	х		х	x	Avoidance of physical restraints	Incidence of delirium: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 10.1% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 19.0%, X2=4.14, p=.042 Mortality: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 4 vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 1 inpatient death, no differences in death between the groups Functional status (on discharge): improved in IG ⁽¹⁾ (mean improvement 5.3 points, p<.001, SD 13.31, 95% CI -7.61 to -2.97, not seen in the CG ⁽²⁾
25	Wanich et al. (1992)	P & M	No routine screening; study-phase: MMSE, BPRS, Katz Index	Nurse-led intervention	х	х	х						х	х					Х		Caregiver education, discharge planning	Incidence of delirium: IG''): 19% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 22%, p=.61 Functional status: (1) better: IG''): 21% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 10%; same: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 69% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 74%; Worse: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 13% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 16% Complication during hospitalization: IG ⁽¹⁾ : 19% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 16%, p=.62 Mortality: IG' ⁽¹⁾ : 8% vs. CG ⁽²⁾ : 5%, p=.36 Length of stay/admission to long-term care/ number of complications: no significant difference in both groups

Legend of above table:

- IG Intervention Group
- CG Controll Group;
- Intervention component integrated or as a risk factor considered