Clinical Case Presentation

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ABSTRACT

An 80 years old gentleman was presented to accident and emergency department with an acute condition that was revealed after good assessment, that he had 4 lethal acute diseases. The condition was related to his past medical background and medications taken before presentation.

Because of atypical presentation of his illnesses, comprehensive assessment and team approach played the key crucial role in his treatment plan and recovery from the life threatening conditions during his stay in acute care, and helped to achieve a tailored plan of discharge that went through 2 stages: a sub acute care facility and then home. His mental, psychological, social assessment were very important to let him go home in much better condition and in a considerable independent status that helped his family to accommodate him again at home after about 3 months of hospital admission. The story from real life highlights a typical geriatric case with atypical presentation of acute illness, multiple pathologies, poly-pharmacies, missed and wrong diagnosis, and implication of mental and psychological status to acute illness. The case is also typical in the need of comprehensive assessment, multidisciplinary team approach, a special plan of discharge and family education.