**Learning Objectives**

MedBridge

*Depression, Delirium, Dementia: The 3 D’s in a Complex Patient*

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## Chapter 1: A Complex Individual

* Provide a case for learners to consider and work on throughout the remainder of the program that involves elements of all three conditions that will need to be identified and sorted through in order to provide care that is timely and effective.

## Chapter 2: An Introduction to the 3 Ds

* Interpret and define the terms: delirium, depression, dementia
* Analyze information regarding the statistics around the occurrence of these conditions among elders referred to clinicians for assessment and treatment
* Describe the importance of determining what condition(s) ae involved when initiating care for an elder, in order to provide best quality treatment that addresses immediate, short-tem, and long term needs and expectations

## Chapter 3: Understanding the Three Ds – Which is Which? How Do You Know?

* Identify each of the Ds related to onset, duration, alertness/arousal, orientation, causes, and intervention options
* Show the importance of sharing findings with those who are medical advisors in order to make decisions that are potentially life altering