Acute Behavioural Disturbance

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Learning Objectives

• Understand the limitations of guidelines
• Learn how to manage acute behavioural disturbance in the custodial setting
• Understand the risks associated with rapid tranquillisation
• Learn how to use cases of acute behavioural disturbance to inform your professional development
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