

UNIT TERMINAL OBJECTIVE

6-4 At the completion of this unit, the EMT-Intermediate student will be able to use assessment findings to formulate a management plan for the geriatric patient.

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this lesson, the EMT-Intermediate student will be able to:

- 6-4.1 Describe dependent and independent living environments. (C-1)
- 6-4.2 Identify local resources available to assist the elderly and discuss strategies to refer at-risk patients to appropriate community services. (C-1)
- 6-4.3 Discuss expected physiological changes associated with aging. (C-1)
- 6-4.4 Describe common psychological reactions associated with aging. (C-1)
- 6-4.5 Discuss problems with mobility in the elderly. (C-1)
- 6-4.6 Discuss problems with continence and elimination. (C-1)
- 6-4.7 Describe communication strategies used to provide psychological support. (C-1)
- 6-4.8 Discuss factors that may complicate the assessment of the elderly patient. (C-1)
- 6-4.9 Discuss common complaints, injuries, and illnesses of elderly patients. (C-1)
- 6-4.10 Discuss pathophysiology changes associated with the elderly in regards to drug distribution, metabolism, and elimination. (C-2)
- 6-4.11 Discuss the impact of polypharmacy, dosing errors, medication non-compliance, and drug sensitivity on patient assessment and management. (C-1)
- 6-4.12 Discuss various body system changes associated with age. (C-1)
- 6-4.13 Discuss the assessment and management of the elderly patient with complaints related to the following body systems: (C-1)
 - Respiratory
 - Cardiovascular
 - Nervous
 - Endocrine
 - Gastrointestinal
- 6-4.14 Describe the assessment of nervous system diseases in the elderly, including cerebral vascular disease, delirium, dementia, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. (C-1)
- 6-4.15 Discuss the assessment of an elderly patient with gastrointestinal problems, including GI hemorrhage and bowel obstruction. (C-1)
- 6-4.16 Discuss the normal and abnormal changes with age related to toxicology. (C-1)
- 6-4.17 Discuss the assessment of the elderly patient with complaints related to toxicology. (C-1)
- 6-4.18 Describe the assessment and management of the elderly patient with toxicological problems. (C-1)
- 6-4.19 Discuss the assessment and management of the patient with environmental considerations. (C-1)
- 6-4.20 Discuss the normal and abnormal changes of the musculoskeletal system with age. (C-1)
- 6-4.21 Discuss the assessment and management of the elderly patient with complaints associated with trauma. (C-1)

AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this unit, the EMT-Intermediate student will be able to:

- 6-4.22 Demonstrate and advocate appropriate interactions with the elderly that convey respect for their position in life. (A-3)
- 6-4.23 Recognize and appreciate the many impediments to physical and emotional well being in the elderly. (A-2)

PSYCHOMOTOR OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this unit, the EMT-Intermediate student will be able to:

- 6-4.24 Demonstrate the ability to assess a geriatric patient. (P-2)
- 6-4.25 Demonstrate the ability to apply assessment findings to the management plan for a geriatric patient. (P-3)