

Client Situation #1

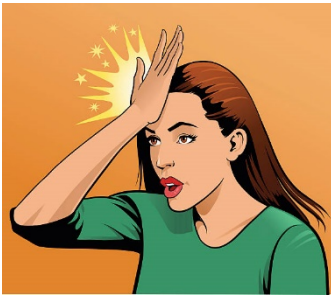


In the past, Joe Smith, 37, has consistently eaten all of his meals and has smiled and acted happy when he ate. He looked forward to his meals and snacks, especially pizza and chocolate chip cookies.

For the last week, Joe has not been eating all of his meals, not even pizza. He has refused to eat at times. Some staff have reported that he occasionally coughs while eating.

What are some possible causes of Joe's problem?

Client Situation #2



Sally Jones, 46, has been hitting her head with her hand and also hitting her head against the furniture or walls. This has not been a typical behavior for Sally in the past.

What are some possible causes of Sally's behavior?

Client Situation #3



Agnes Miller, 72, walks with a walker, but uses a wheelchair for long distances. Over the last week, staff have been concerned because she has been having more problems with transfers and resists using her walker. Agnes gets agitated and cries when she has to get up out of her wheelchair. Usually Agnes is calm and smiles often.

What are some possible causes of Agnes's changed behavior?

Client Situation #4



Tina Johnson, 25, is usually willing to follow directions and cooperate with staff. While nonverbal, she will make happy sounds and singing noises. About once a month for a few days, she has been having episodes of agitation, yelling, striking out and refusing to participate in activities.

What are some possible causes for Tina's behavior changes?