**Discussion Topics, Chapter 9, Caring for People with Dementia**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objective(s) |
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| 1. Your 80-year-old grandmother who lives nearby saw her doctor yesterday and was started on an antibiotic for pneumonia. At 3 am, your phone rings. Your grandmother is calling you, whispering into the phone. She wants you to come right away and help her because there are two men in her living room who are going to hurt her. When you arrive, there is no one in the apartment but your grandmother who is hiding in the closet with the phone.   1. What do you suspect is happening to your grandmother? 2. What are some possible causes for her delirium? | 1 |
| 2. Marvin is 78 years old. He suffers from Alzheimer’s disease and is new to your facility. His history shows he is a retired cabinet maker and repair shop owner. Today he is in the dining room before breakfast and he picks each wooden chair up, places it on the table with the legs up. He wiggles each of the legs and then puts the chair back down. He is telling other residents to get up and not sit in the chair until he’s checked it. As the day progresses, he does this with every wooden chair he comes across that is sitting by a table. Other residents are becoming angry or annoyed by this behavior.   1. In order to solve the puzzle of his behavior, what should you keep in mind as you observe Marvin’s behavior? 2. What do you think his behavior represents, and how can you help prevent his behavior from upsetting the other residents? 3. What stage of dementia do you think he is in? | 2, 5, 6 |