

BEHAVIOURAL and PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS



of DEMENTIA (BPSD)



Most prescribing of antipsychotics is unnecessary if appropriate support is available

- * **High quality ward, nursing and care home environment**
- * **Patient-centred care plans**
- * **Understanding of the patient's history**
- * **Involvement of the patient (where possible), the patient's carer and/or family in deciding what treatment is best**
- * **Availability of appropriate activities**
- * **A medical assessment has been carried out to identify other treatable causes of symptoms:**
 - * **P**ain
 - * **I**Nfection
 - * **C**onstipation
 - * **H**ydration
 - * **M**edication
 - * **E**nvironmental



Think **PINCH ME!**

Consider these prior to GP referral or a referral to your CMHT

For further information contact your local Mental Health Team or Rhiannon Davies, Powys tHB Medicines Management Team (01874 712686)