This issue of *Psychiatric Annals*, guest edited by Dr. Asim A. Shah, is valuable to the clinician because it addresses the important topic of geriatric psychopharmacology as well as the new *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, fifth edition category of neurocognitive disorders. We are all aware that the elderly population is increasing, and that most practicing clinicians will be forced into the role of geriatrician by clinical demand.

Written by Drs. Shah and Awais Aftab, the title of the first article—“Should Physicians Prescribe Antipsychotics in Dementia?”—itself tells us that for the limited clinical results obtained in studies, we are placing our patients at risk for early death by using antipsychotics. The authors present compelling information that make it clear that prescribing new or old antipsychotics in this population should not be taken lightly. The review provides concise information on which medications would be particularly helpful as well as those that would likely cause adverse effects.

The next article, “Treatment Approaches to Neurocognitive Disorders” by Drs. Nidal Moukaddam, Carla Bejjani, and Shah, discusses treatment approaches to various clinical problems presented by neurocognitive disorders, such as apathy, depression, and agitation. Drs. Kristin C. Jones, Jin Y. Han, and Shah present the third article, “Cognitive Continuum: Areas of Controversy with Cognitive Enhancers,” which focuses on the treatment of cognition defects in patients with neurocognitive disorders. This article reviews studies of the only classes of medications approved for the treatment of neurocognitive disorders, which include antiacetylcholinesterase inhibitors and glutamatergic inhibitors. It presents a useful view of the effectiveness of these agents.

The fourth article, by Drs. James G. Scott, Britta Ostermeyer, and Shah, shows the value and clinical usefulness of neurocognitive assessments in neurocognitive disorders. The final article rounds out this issue by discussing the vital topic of assessing medical capacity and competency in the geriatric population. Presented by Drs. Leah N. Clionsky, Anu Matorin, Elizabeth H. David, John H. Coverdale, and Shah, the article provides valuable insights into evaluating and dealing with a patient’s decision-making limitations, using illustrative cases related to self-care and placement.

The topical issue is preceded by a related case presentation, “A 70-Year-Old Woman with Restless Legs Syndrome and Insomnia,” by Drs. Imran S. Khawaja, Fritz Jean-Noel, and Shah. This article uses a case report to illustrate various issues related to making medical decisions with elderly patients.

It is clear that our field needs more effective treatments for the range of problems presenting due to a marked increase of an aging population. This issue illustrates and informs best practices for our current range of treatments. Hopefully, we will find newer, more effective treatments. For sure, every clinician will be faced with problems of the elderly in practice as well as in family life.

**REFERENCE**