

Behavioral Emergencies

<p>Causes of Behavioral Change</p>	
<p>Behavior – The manner in which a person acts or performs</p>	
<p>Behavioral Emergency – A situation in which the patient exhibits abnormal behavior within a given situation that is unacceptable or intolerable to the patient, family, or community</p>	
<p>Causes of Behavioral Change</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low blood sugar • Lack of oxygen • Inadequate blood flow to brain or stroke • Head trauma • Mind-altering substances • Excessive heat or cold • Psychological crises 	
<p>Psychological Crises</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panic • Agitation • Bizarre thinking and behavior • Danger to self • Danger to others 	
<p>Behavioral Emergencies</p>	
<p>Actions to Take</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size up scene carefully • Identify yourself, your role • Inform patient what you are doing • Ask questions in a calm, reassuring voice • Do not rush • Do not be judgmental 	

