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General synthesis of literature on specific neuropsychiatric symptoms

The review of the existing literature indicates that, even when measured using a general screening instrument, such as the NPI, neuropsychiatric symptoms are not infrequent in patients with PPA. As this instrument has been used so frequently, we performed a synthesis of the literature reviewed above, focusing on each individual neuropsychiatric symptom construct using the NPI as a framework. In addition, at the end of this section we highlight a few other symptom constructs relevant to PPA that are not captured by the NPI.

Validation of the NPI-Q, a brief clinical form of the Neuropsychiatric Inventory.

J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci. The Neuropsychiatric Inventory (NPI) is a validated clinical instrument for evaluating psychopathology in dementia. The authors developed a brief questionnaire form of the NPI (NPI-Q), intended for use in routine clinical practice, and cross-validated it with the NPI in 60 Alzheimer’s patients. Test-retest reliability of the NPI-Q was acceptable. The prevalence of analogous symptoms reported on the NPI and NPI-Q differed on average by 5%; moderate or severe symptom ratings differed by less than 2%. The NPI-Q provides a brief, reliable, informant-based assessment of neuropsychiatric symp