

TITLE OF CASE

Efficacious retrial of electroconvulsive therapy after a prolonged seizure in an older adult.

SUMMARY

This is a case of a 77-year-old woman with treatment resistant geriatric major depression who was admitted psychiatrically for the 5th time in 1.5 years. She had a history of intensive psychotherapy and psychotropic medication trials with poor efficacy. She had a history of adverse complication to electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) with prolonged seizure and postictal confusion during her 3rd hospitalization. At her 5th hospitalization, due to poor response to routine psychiatric treatment, ECT was pursued. We discuss challenges in pursuing ECT and outcome of retrial of an acute ECT series, in the context of paucity of similar literature in geriatric depression