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- 25 A personalized multimedia device to treat agitated behavior and improve mood in people with dementia: A pilot study**

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Agitated behaviors and dysphoric moods in nursing home residents with dementia may be a response to a lack of personalized, meaningful activity and stimulation. To address this deficiency, a personal computer was adapted to play favorite music and display photographs, movies and messages that were selected or made by family members.



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