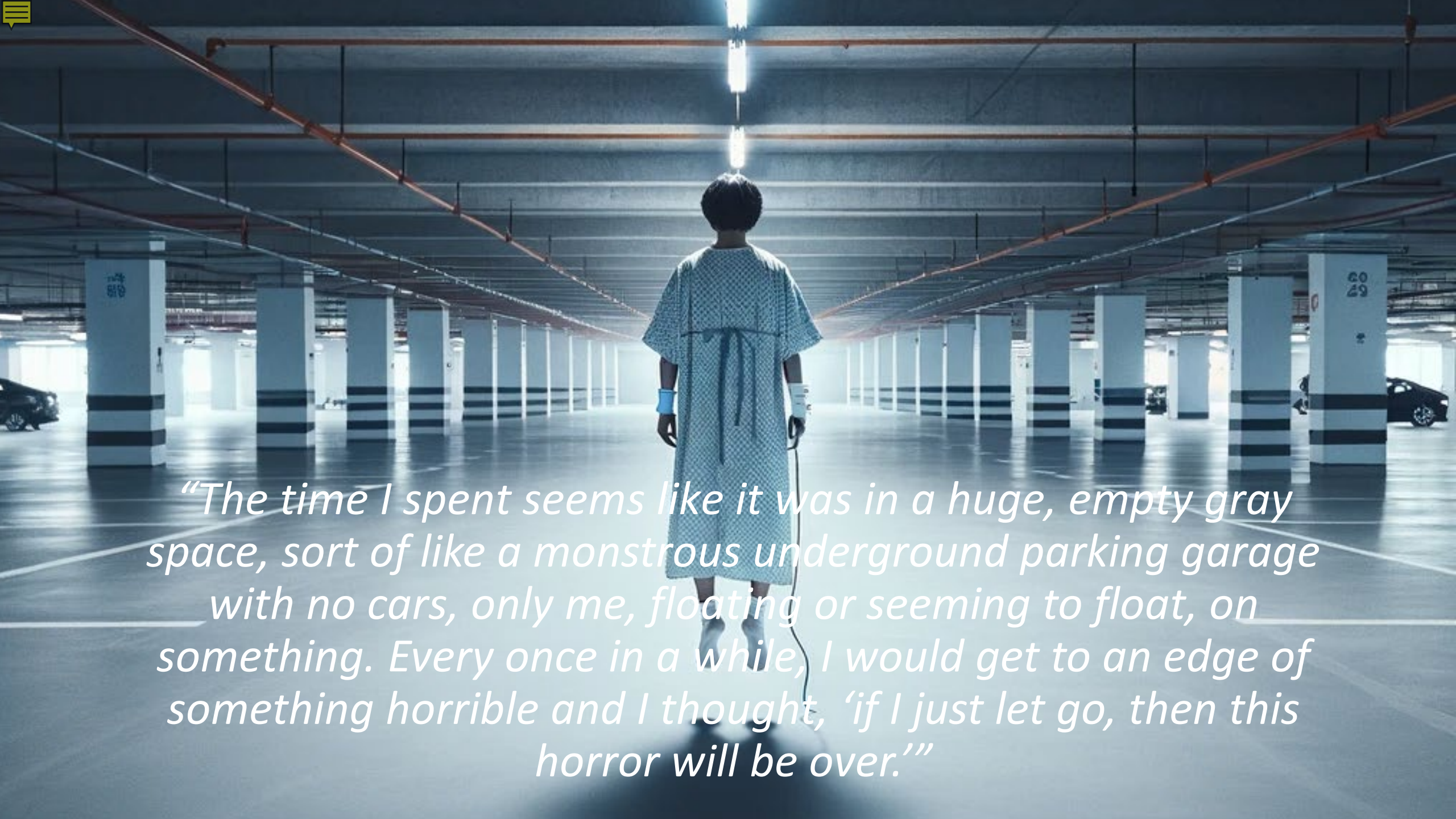




Spreading Knowledge – Improving Outcomes

Delirium Monitoring



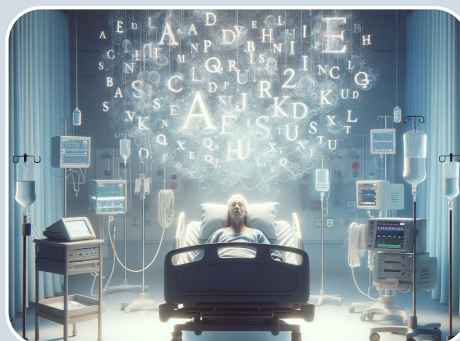
“The time I spent seems like it was in a huge, empty gray space, sort of like a monstrous underground parking garage with no cars, only me, floating or seeming to float, on something. Every once in a while, I would get to an edge of something horrible and I thought, ‘if I just let go, then this horror will be over.’”



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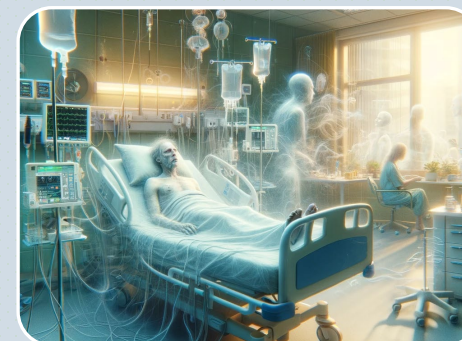
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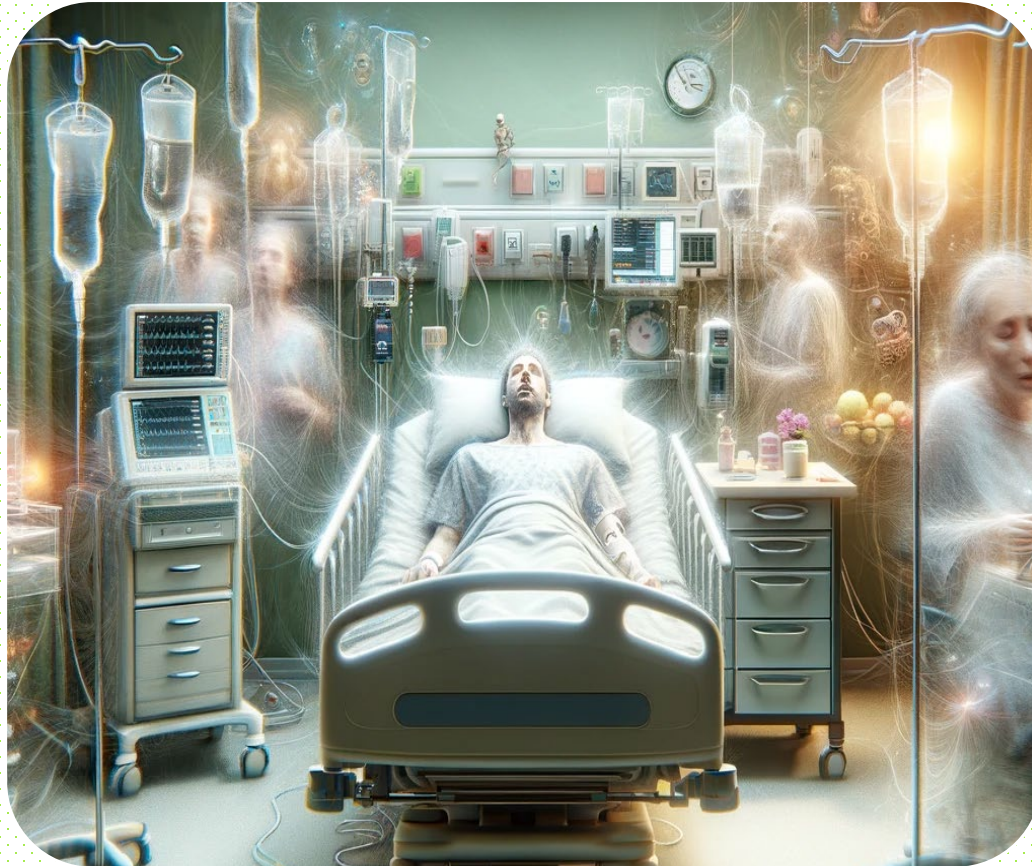


Disorganized
thinking



Altered Level
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Step 1: Acute Change of Fluctuating Course of Mental Status



Is the patient different than his/her baseline mental status?

Or

Has the patient had any fluctuation in mental status in the past 24 hours?

Step 2: Inattention



Letters attention Test: ask the patient to squeeze when he hears the letter A in:

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Errors are counted when patient fails to squeeze on the letter “A” and when the patient squeezes on any letter other than “A”.

Step 3: Disorganized Thinking



Ask simple questions with a Yes/No answers such as:

- Will a stone float on water?
- Are there fish in the sea?
- Does one pound weigh more than two pounds?
- Can you use a hammer to pound a nail?

Or

Hold up 2 fingers and ask the patient to do the same with the other hand or to add one more finger on the same hand

Step 4: Altered Level of Consciousness



Determine the actual RASS score and if it is anything other than alert and calm (zero) then this is counted as positive.



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Feature 1

Acute Change
of Fluctuating
Course of
Mental Status

+

Feature 2

Inattention

+

Feature 3

Disorganized
thinking

OR

Feature 4

Altered Level
of
Consciousness