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The Optimal Dementia Care in Acute Hospitals (ODCACS 2011-2014) is determining the prevalence and outcomes of dementia, and of delirium/challenging behaviour, looking prospectively at 600 older people admitted across six hospitals. It is identifying whether challenging behaviour in older people with dementia in hospital is due to environmental stressors and/or delirium, will quantify staff burden and economic costs associated with challenging behaviour and will make the case for sustaining physical activity in hospital. This is the first research to give accurate multi-hospital data for dementia and delirium, using robust prospective studies with shared methodology to maximise data transference. All data has been collected and is now being analysed. This study is funded by the HRB Health Service Research project grant.