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ANGRY ADOLESCENT

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Abstract: Anger is common in adolescence. Anger outbursts may present for the first time in adolescence or may be a part of the continuum since childhood. It can lead to aggression, violence, high risk behavior, crime and death. It has many causes. A thorough clinical evaluation is essential to make a precise diagnosis and plan further management. A multidisciplinary team involving pediatrician, parents, teacher and mental health professional is required for appropriate management.

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Points to Remember

- Anger is a common behavioural in adolescence.
- Uncontrolled anger can 2 lead to aggression, violence, crime and death.
- Causes of anger are multi factorial.
- Frequent anger outbursts are pointers towards mental disorders.
- Pediatricians should provide anticipatory guidance regarding anger management.
- Evidence based anger management programs for adolescents that include parents are effective.

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