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# Perseveration

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An inability to switch ideas along with the social context, as evidenced by the repetition of words or gestures after they have ceased to be socially relevant or appropriate.

*Example: Asked for the day, the patient says it's Sunday.*

*Subsequent questions about month, year, and place are all met with the same reply.*

## APA Reference

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