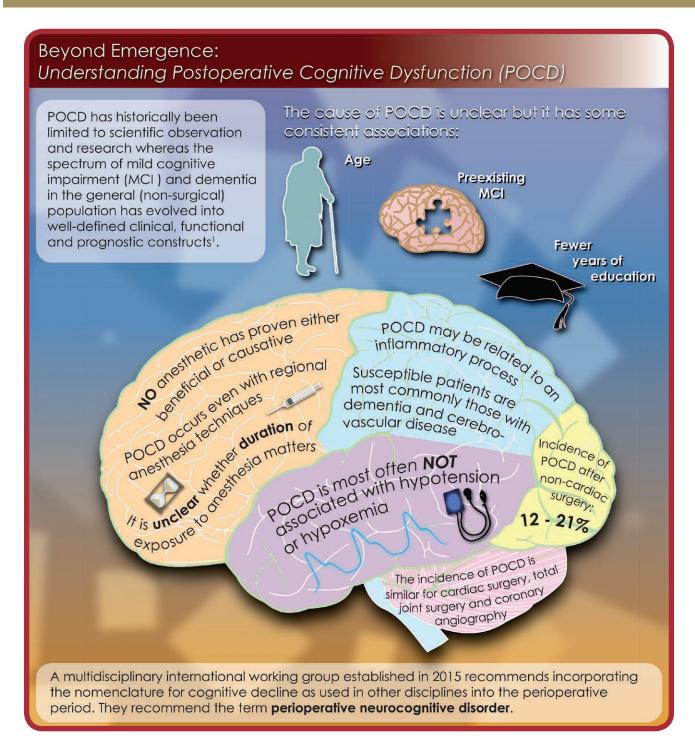
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A narrative review in this issue aims to further characterize our understanding and definition of postoperative cognitive dysfunction (POCD). It details, importantly, how POCD has yet to find a place within or without the spectrum of cognitive disorders as defined by other fields of clinical medicine. POCD has significant clinical implications such as decreased quality of life and increased mortality. As such it deserves a more functional definition relative to mild cognitive impairment and dementia. This infographic summarizes a variety of known characteristics of POCD.

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