

A Review of the Most Common Forms of Dementia: Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment

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Dementia affects millions of older adults and is a major public health issue. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, but there are many other causes. Understanding the correct disease is very important for early, accurate diagnosis and providing the most effective management of symptoms. This presentation will review the most common causes of dementia, with a focus on differentiating the clinical manifestations, means of diagnosis and treatment of each specific disease.

Following this presentation, the participant will be able to:

1. Differentiate dementia from Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.
2. Define clinical symptoms associated with the most common forms of dementia.
3. Compare diagnostic tests and treatments for each cause of dementia.
4. Describe benefits of early and differential diagnosis of dementia.

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