

# UNDERSTANDING



# DEMENTIA



Dementia is more than memory loss.  
It's brain failure.



**DEMENTIA**

MAY RESIST HELP  
MAY NOT RECOGNIZE DANGER  
MAY ACT IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY

Use a Positive Physical Approach  
Go with Their Flow  
Provide Extra Time  
Check for Understanding

**DEMENTIA IS CAUSED BY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF NERVE CELLS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS IN THE BRAIN**

## COMMON SYMPTOMS MIGHT INCLUDE

- PERSONALITY CHANGES
- HEARING LOSS
- MOOD CHANGES
- NEUROPATHY
- DIFFICULTY WITH THINKING
- SPEECH LANGUAGE REASONING
- CONFUSION
- DEPRESSION
- DELUSIONS
- LETHARGY
- VISION CHANGES (BINOCULAR, PERIPHERAL, DOUBLE VISION)
- BALANCE PROBLEMS
- LOSS OF FINE MOTOR CONTROL
- LOSS OF COORDINATION
- UNCONTROLLED MOVEMENTS
- DISORIENTATION

*there are more than 80 different types of dementia - here are a few - organized by root pathology*

<p><b>NEURODEGENERATIVE &amp; GENETIC</b></p> <p>Alzheimer's disease Lewy Body dementia Parkinson's disease Frontotemporal dementia Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease Huntington's disease</p>	<p><b>VASCULAR &amp; INFECTIONS</b></p> <p>Cerebral vascular accident Stroke Brain aneurysm Multi-infarct dementia Subcortical Vascular dementia Neurosyphilis HIV dementia (HAD)</p>	<p><b>TRAUMATIC &amp; TOXIC/METABOLIC</b></p> <p>Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Traumatic brain injury dementia Toxic dementia Substance-induced dementia Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome</p>	<p><b>STRUCTURAL &amp; RARE</b></p> <p>Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus CADASIL Posterior Cortical Atrophy Primary Progressive Aphasia Huntington's disease</p>
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to learn more, go to: [Dementia-SOS.com](http://Dementia-SOS.com)



*Every brain is different. Every dementia is different.*

