

Module 17

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA

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Objectives

- At the end of the module, the nurse aide will be able to:
 1. Discriminate among the terms: dementia, Alzheimer's disease, forgetfulness, delirium and depression.
 2. Describe symptoms that commonly occur with Alzheimer's disease/dementia based on brain damage.
 3. Recognize behaviors that are indicative of dementia.
 4. Differentiate among the 5 levels of ability and loss in people with dementia based on observable behaviors, language and actions.
 5. Demonstrate key components of a positive physical approach when working with a patient with dementia.
 6. Demonstrate a combination of cues: visual, verbal and tactile to assist a patient with dementia.

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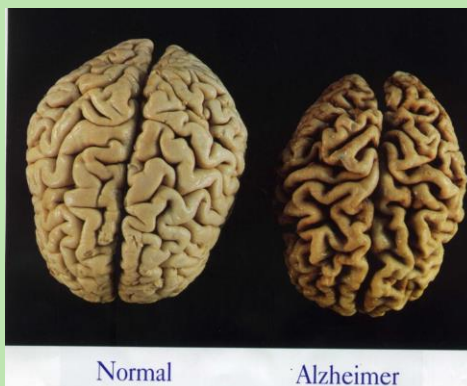
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- What is dementia?



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- Handout #1 – Brain Images

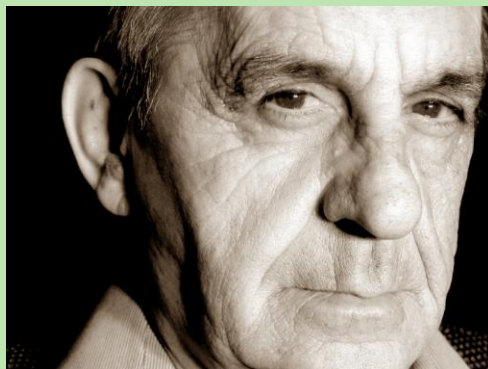


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- Dementia is a category of diseases
- There are many types of dementia underneath the same umbrella
- Alzheimer's disease is one type under the umbrella, but there are many (more than 70) types of dementia
- Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia

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- Lewy Body Dementia



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- **Activity #1 – 24 Hour Care Discussion**

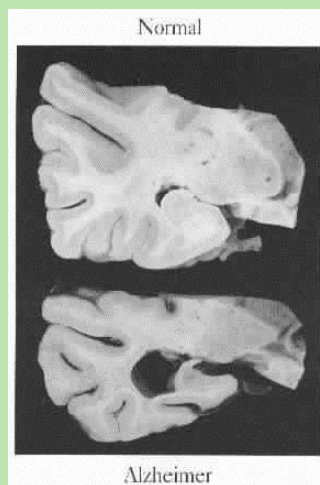
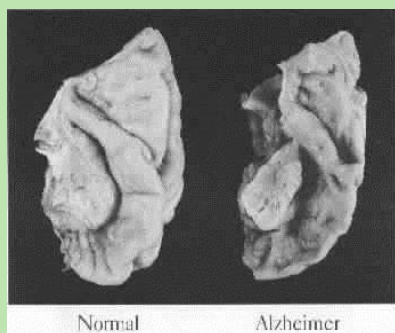


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- **Memory/Hippocampus**

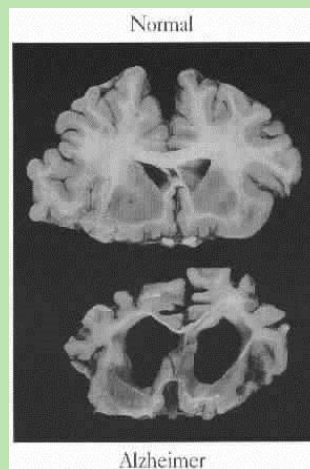


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- Language



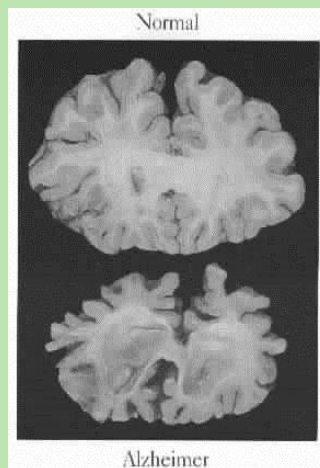
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- Making language
- What language files are preserved?



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- Impulse control



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- Sensory Processing and Motor Control
- Sensory input comes through all the senses of the body



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- Techniques for approaching a patient



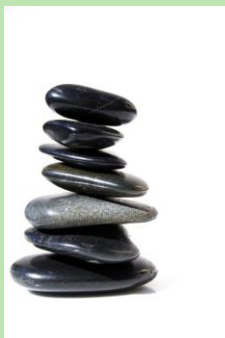
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- **Activity #2 – Physical Approach Skills**

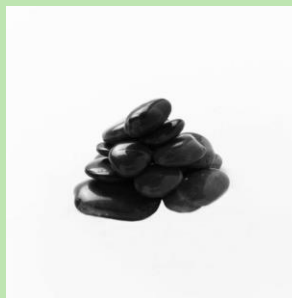


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- A patient with Alzheimer's disease will follow the steps in order



- A patient with Vascular Dementia will present a combination of skills at different levels



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- Every type of dementia will progress.
- There is no cure, so change is guaranteed.
- As the disease progresses, the patient's abilities, interests, and skills will change as damage to the brain spreads.
- By recognizing these changes and offering matching support, the patient will maintain function as long as possible.

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- Early, Middle, Late
- Global Deterioration Scale

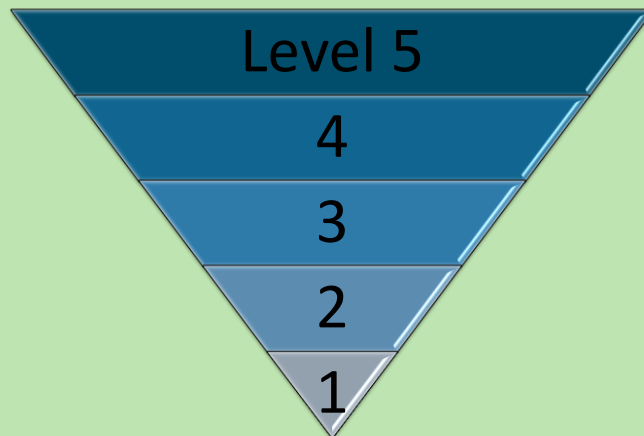


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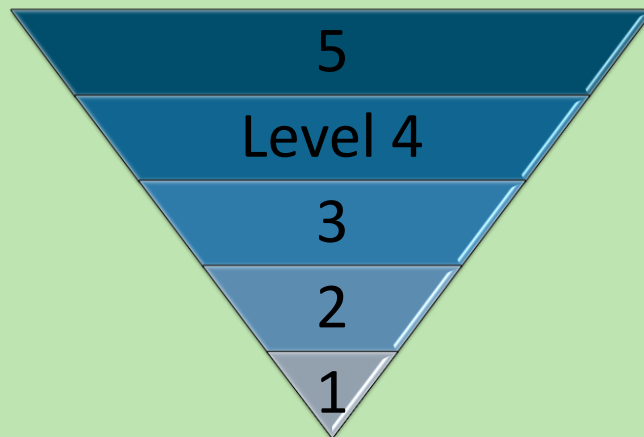
- Cognitive Disabilities Scale
- It recognizes 5 levels of progression of the disease
- Function levels ranges from slightly impaired (level 5) to end-of-life (level 1)



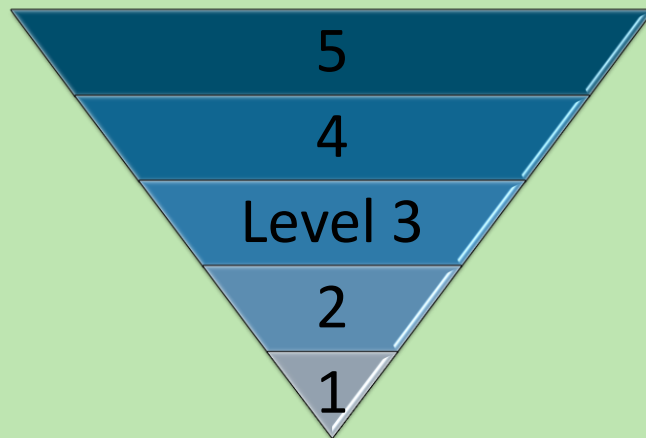
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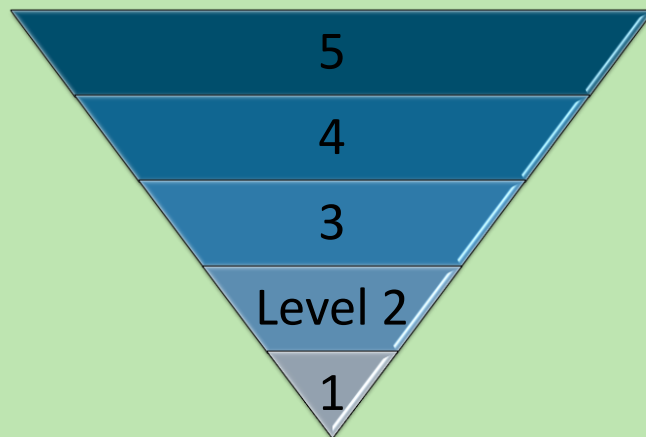
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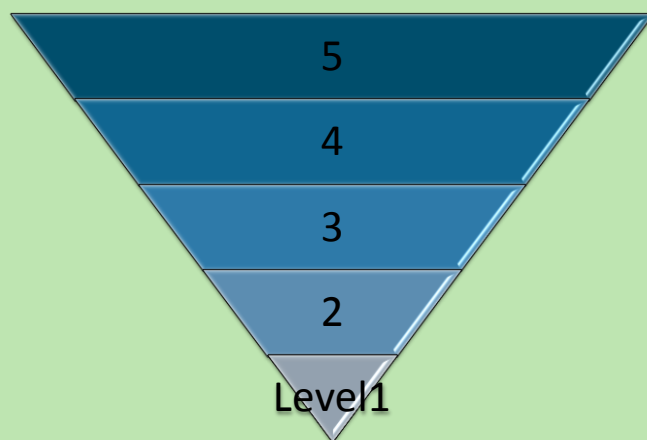
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- This module is designed to help you understand why the patient with dementia behaves the way he/she does, how you can help, and how the disease effects the patient and his/her caregivers.
- Remember, the patient is doing the best they can with a brain that is changing. As a home care aide, you can provide the best care for the patient throughout the disease with new knowledge and techniques that work!