

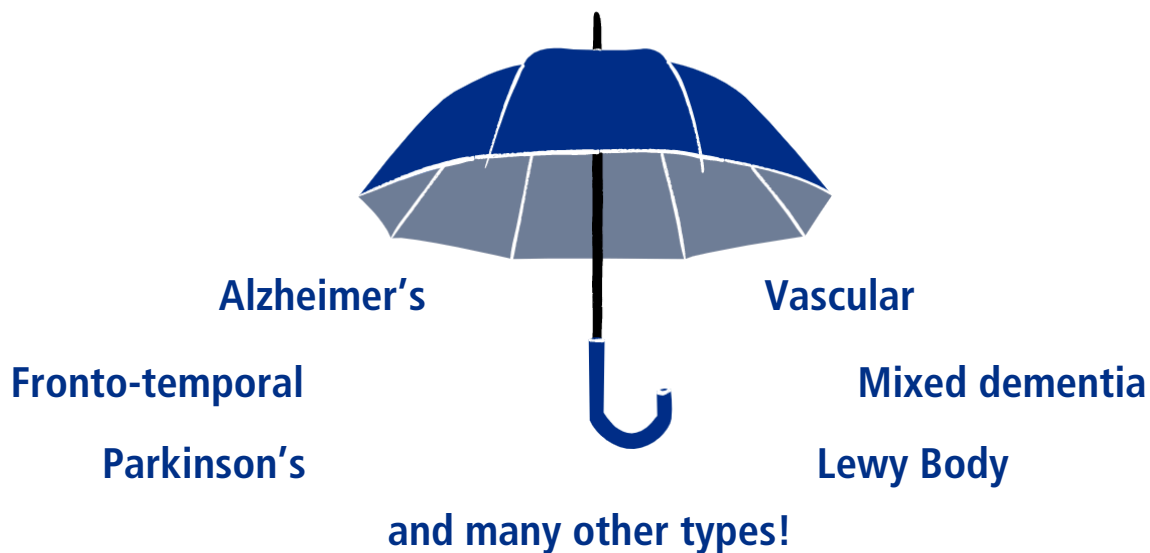
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What is Dementia?

Dementia refers to a group of conditions that impact both cognitive and physical functions. Rather than being a single disease, dementia is an umbrella term covering various types, each with distinct causes, such as Alzheimer’s disease, stroke, or other brain disorders.

While Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of dementia, more than 50 different diseases and conditions are associated with dementia.



Signs and Symptoms

Although different types of dementia can share symptoms like memory loss and changes in communication, they will often present differently. While we tend to think of dementia as primarily affecting memory, it is important to remember that these are progressive illnesses that cause damage to the brain over time.

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Ways Dementia Can Affect The Brain

Changes in vision (peripheral vision, visuo-spatial)

Hallucinations, delusions, & paranoia

Changes in communication (aphasia & echolalia)

Changes & difficulty with balance and movement

Changes to mood or personality

Changes in inhibition



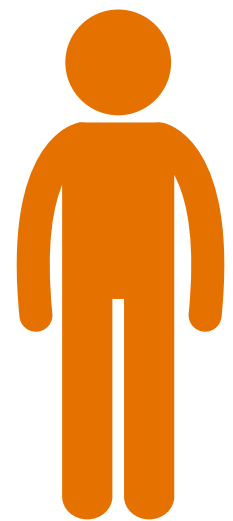
Changes in cognition & executive function (memory, reasoning, execution of tasks, inhibition, etc.)

Effects of Dementia

In addition to the medical and physical changes, dementia can affect many other aspects of a person's life.

It can also lead to interpersonal & intrapersonal changes, such as changes in:

- Family structure and roles
- Roles and responsibilities in community
- Dynamics in romantic relationships
- Dynamics in platonic relationships
- Understanding and perception of self



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