

# Dementia

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## *What is it??*

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- *Dementia is a chronic disorder of the mental processes caused by Brain disease or injury and marked by memory disorders, personality change and impaired reasoning.*
- *It can be genetic also*

# Science

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- *Having Dementia, the cortex shrivels up, which damages areas involved in thinking, planning and remembering.*
- *Shrinkage is especially severe in the hippocampus which is an area that focuses on forming new memories.*
- *Ventricles grow larger*

# *Symptoms*

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- Loss of Memory*
- Hard time Communicating and Language*
- Lack of ability to focus and pay attention*
- Reasoning and Judgement*
- Visual perception*

# Diagnosis

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- Physical examination*
- Careful medication history*
- Laboratory tests*
- Characteristics changes in thinking, day-to-day function and behavioral associated with each type*

## *Society*

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- People diagnosed with it are under 65 years old*
- Other terms are “early onset dementia”, “young onset dementia” and “working age dementia”*
- In the U.S, 5 million are reported to have age related dementia*
- In Louisiana, at least 100,000 people have it*

# *Society*

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- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 10 who live past 55 will develop dementia in their lifetime*
- People with dementia often have to have a care provider since they can't take care of themselves*

# Self

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- My grandmother had it for a while*
- She was declining so bad with it that my mom and I went over to see her everyday because she couldn't take care of herself anymore*
- Wanted to find more about it*



# Sources

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