





# STAGES OF DEMENTIA

	<b>PRE-DIAGNOSIS</b>	<b>EARLY</b>	<b>MIDDLE</b>	<b>LATE</b>
 <b>MEMORY</b>	Forgetfulness Misplaced items Confusion Getting lost/ misdirected	Difficulty learning new information Increased confusion Difficulty keeping track of the date & time Misplaced items	Difficulty recognizing family, friends, and staff Loss of time and place Decreased safety awareness Unable to recall personal information about themselves	Severe cognitive decline Difficulty with short and long term memory Difficulty recognizing familiar faces
 <b>SPEECH</b>	Slowed speech	Word substitution Incomplete sentences Repetitive talk/ questioning	Speech is difficult to understand Increased repetitive talk/questioning	Limited/no verbal communication Unresponsiveness
 <b>PHYSICAL</b>	Impaired walking	Falls Clumsiness Decreased fine motor skills (i.e., difficulty writing)	Pacing Wandering Incontinence Difficulty swallowing Difficulty sleeping	Needs full assistance with self-care tasks Immobility Increased risk for falls, seizures, incontinence and infection Respiratory and breathing problems Weight loss
 <b>EMOTIONAL</b>	Minor changes in personality	Anxiety Agitation Depressed mood Apathy	Restlessness Increased agitation and apathy Paranoia, hallucinations, delusions Verbal and physical aggression	Increased aggression Mood swings

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