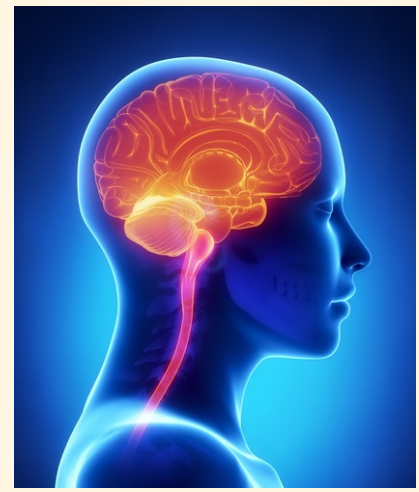


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The Difference Between Dementia & Alzheimer's

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Dementia vs. Alzheimer's

Dementia is not a disease by itself, but a group of symptoms that are associated in the decline of memory and reasoning. There are more than one types of dementia and a person could suffer from multiple Dementias, called mixed dementia.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that negatively impacts memory, thinking and behavior. It is a progressive disease of the brain that impairs memory and cognitive function, many times interfering with activities of daily life.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, "Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60 to 80 percent of dementia cases. Alzheimer's disease is caused when high levels of certain proteins make it hard for brain cells to stay healthy and to communicate with each other. This leads to the loss of connections between nerve cells, and eventually death of nerve cells and loss of brain tissue. Alzheimer's disease is not reversible,

There are many other conditions that can cause symptoms of dementia, such as stroke and Parkinson's, as well as some that are reversible, such as thyroid problems, drug interactions or nutritional problems.

Symptoms

Alzheimer's and dementia symptoms can overlap, but there can be some differences.

Both conditions can cause:

- Declined ability to think
- Memory impairment
- Communication and/or speaking impairment

The symptoms of Alzheimer's include:

- Difficulty remembering recent events or conversations
- Apathy
- Depression
- Impaired judgment
- Disorientation
- Confusion
- Behavioral changes
- Difficulty speaking, swallowing, or walking in advanced stages of the disease

To Learn More

The Alzheimer's Association is the trusted resource for reliable information, education, referral and support to millions of people affected by the disease.

Call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline:
800.272.3900
Or visit www.alz.org.