



DEMENTIA

Alzheimer's Disease

- Younger Onset
- Normal Onset

Vascular (multi-infarct) Dementias

Lewy Body Dementia

Frontotemporal Lobe Dementias

Alzheimer's

- New info lost
- Recent memory worse
- Problems finding words
- Mis-speaks
- More impulsive or indecisive
- Gets lost
- Notice changes over 6 months—1 year

Vascular

- Sudden changes
- Picture varies by person
- Can have bounce back & bad days
- Judgment and behavior "not the same"
- Spotty losses
- Emotional & energy shifts

Lewy Body

- Movement problems—Falls
- Visual Hallucinations
- Fine motor problems—hands & swallowing
- Episodes of rigidity & syncope
- Nightmares
- Fluctuations in abilities
- Drug Responses can be extreme & strange

Frontotemporal

- Many types
- Frontal—impulse and behavior control loss
 - Says unexpected, rude, mean, odd things to others
 - Dis-inhibited—food, drink, sex, emotions, actions
- Temporal—language loss
 - Can't speak or get words out
 - Can't understand what is said, nonsense words

Other Dementias

- Metabolic Diseases
- Vitamin Deficiency
- Depression
- Infections
- Parkinson's
- Malnutrition / Dehydration
- Medication / Drug Interaction