



**Six out of 10 people
with Alzheimer's
will wander**

**You can't know when it will happen,
but you'll know what to do when it does**

**safe
return**
alzheimer's association

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Lewy Body Dementia

- Dementia
- Unpredictable changes in concentration & attention from day to day
- Parkinson's like symptoms – rigidity, stiffness, shuffling gait, tremor, slowness
- Hallucinations
- REM Sleep Behavior Disorder
- Severe sensitivity to neuroleptics

An Introduction to Lewy Body Dementia

*A special publication for people newly
diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia
and those still seeking answers.*

You don't have to face LBD alone.



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Body
Dementia**
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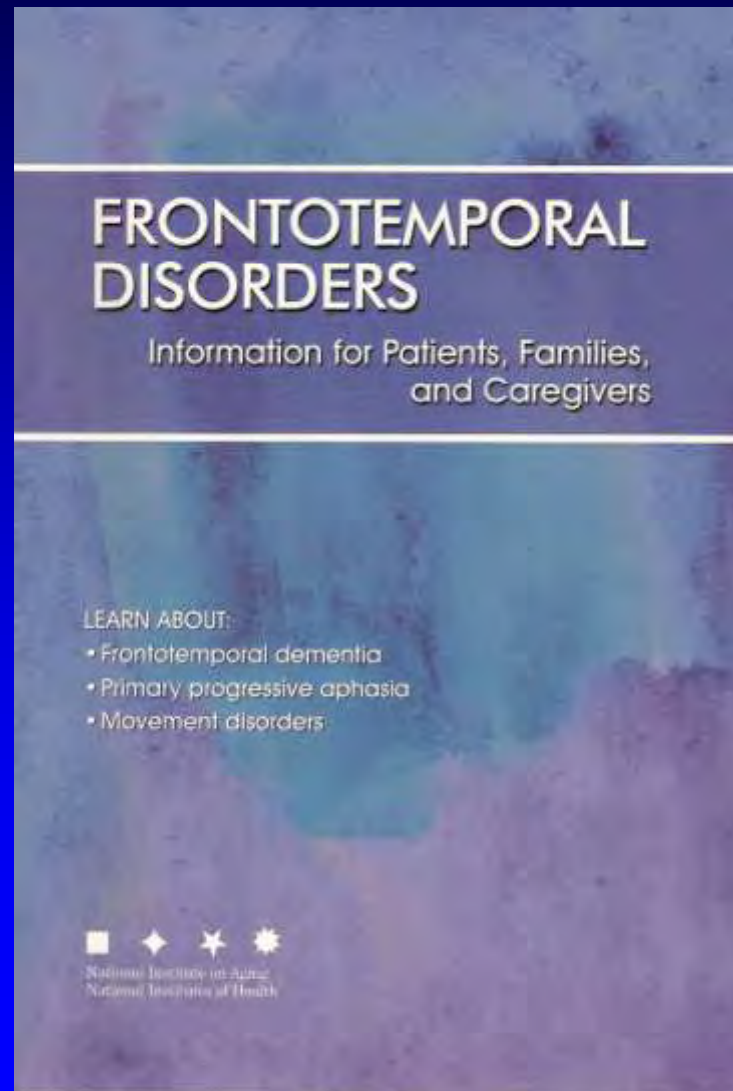
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Frontotemporal Dementia

- Progressive deterioration in behavior and/or personality are prominent
- Inappropriate social behavior
- Patients are younger
- Problems at work have developed
- Loss of insight
- Many have language disturbance
- Memory Loss less prominent

[*www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers/*](http://www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers/)

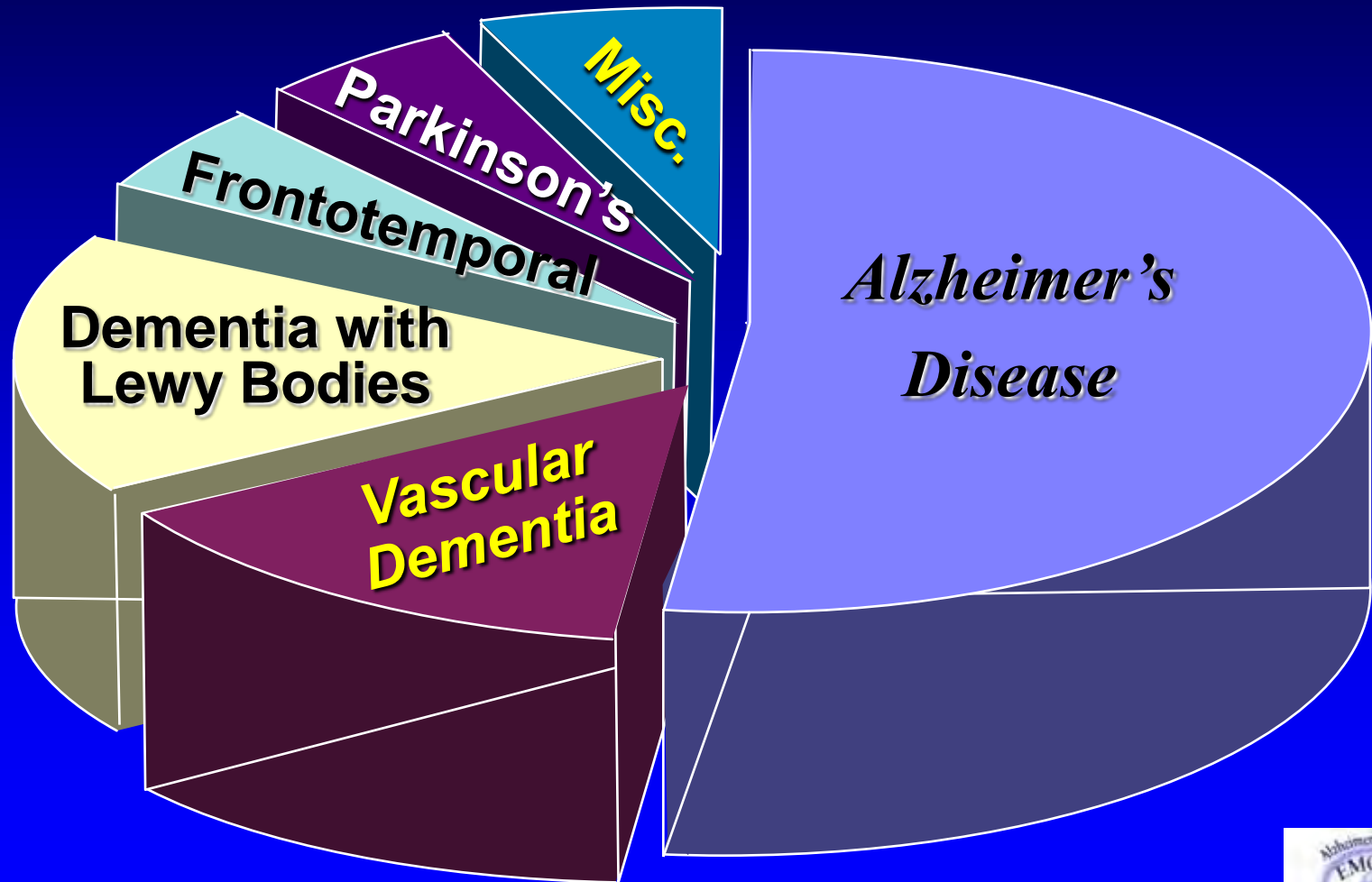


Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration

www.theaftd.org/



What is the Diagnosis



Stages of Alzheimer's Disease

- Early AD
- Middle Stage AD
- Late Stage AD
- Terminal AD

Early Alzheimer's changes

- Problems with recent memory
- Difficulty learning new information
- Remembering to take medications
- Mild word finding problems
- Difficulty with work if still employed
- Difficulty with planning and cooking meals



Early AD (continued)

- Difficulty managing finances & paying bills
- Decreased ability to initiate activities
- Trouble with making decisions
- Less confident driving to new locations
- May get lost driving

Early AD

Relationship Dynamics are Changing

Care Partners
experience losses

- Subtle changes in relationship
- Gradual transfer of responsibilities

People with Early AD
experience losses –
some cause anger

- Money management
- Medication Management
- Driving
- Cooking

Early AD

Care Partners Need Support

- Roles they are gradually accumulating
 - money management
 - cooking
 - organizing and supervising medication
 - preparing and organizing for trips
 - driving and/or organizing transportation
 - household repairs

Early AD

- Involve family members
- Have a family meeting
- Have a driving evaluation
- Develop a support system
- Attend an Early Memory Loss Support Group
- Contact the Alzheimer's Association
 - Join the Forget-Me-Not Luncheon Group



Plan for the Future

Encourage People with Early AD & their families to do legal planning:

- Execute an “Advanced Directive for Healthcare”
- Execute a “Durable Power of Attorney for Finances”



Middle Stage Alzheimer's Disease

- Prompting and/or assistance needed with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene
- Eventually will not consistently recognize their own children
- Eventually will need assistance with toileting

Middle Stage AD

Short & Long term memory are impaired

Behavioral Challenges may appear

- Agitation and/or irritability
- Suspiciousness, delusions & hallucinations
- Anxiety
- Pacing and/or wandering
- Resistance to bathing, grooming and dressing assistance

