

Understanding Dementia

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Alzheimer *Society*



Why learn about dementia?

2025

2050



Persons living with dementia in **Canada**

771, 939

1,712,400



Persons living with dementia in **Ontario**

334, 500

750,000



Current medications for **curing** dementia

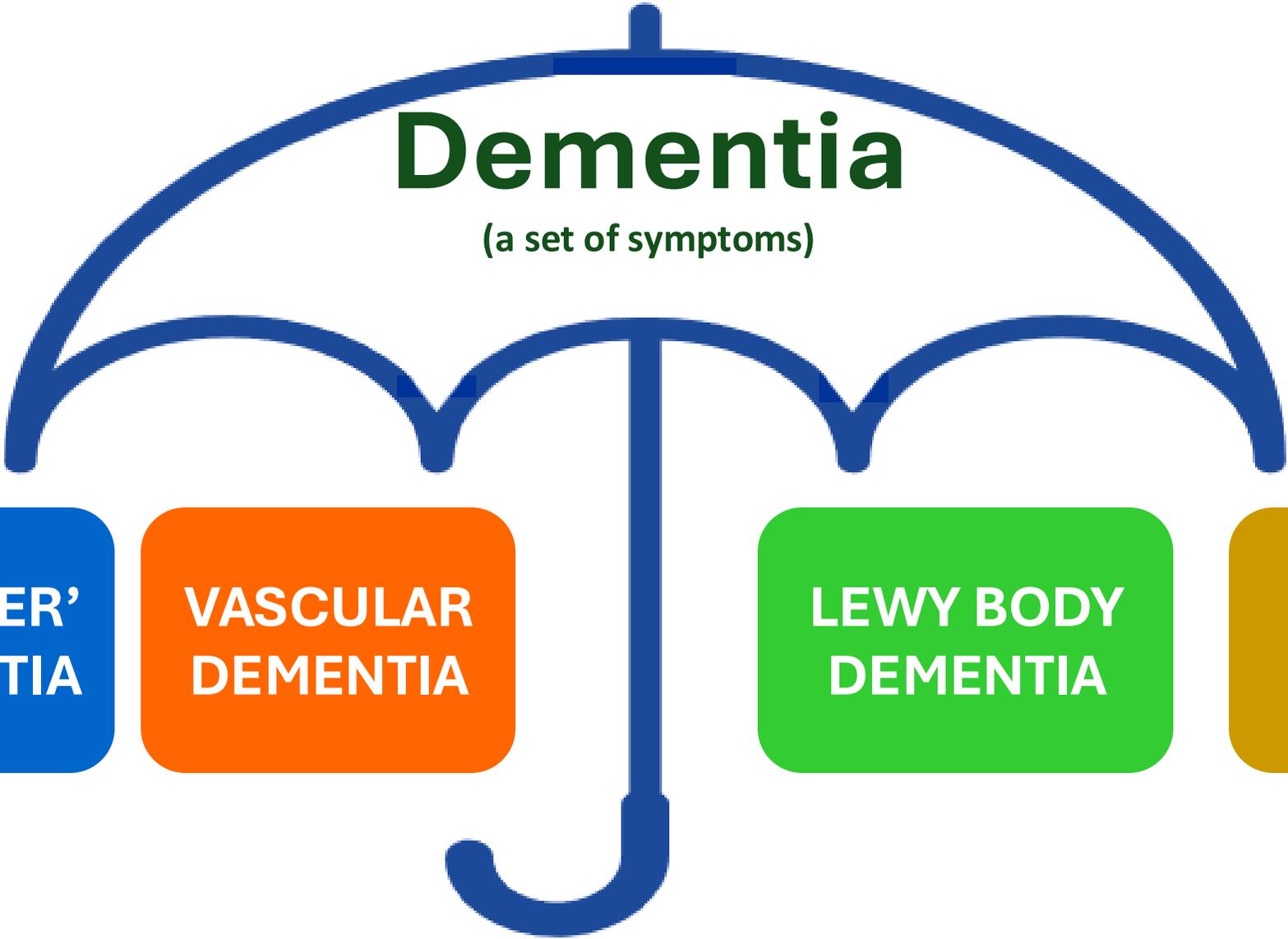
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What is Dementia?

Dementia
is a set of symptoms,
which includes
loss of memory,
understanding, and
judgment.





Dementia

(a set of symptoms)

ALZHEIMER'S
DEMENTIA

VASCULAR
DEMENTIA

LEWY BODY
DEMENTIA

FRONTO-
TEMPORAL
DEMENTIA

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF DEMENTIA?

Cognitive Abilities

Who? What?
When? Where?
Why?

Responsive Behaviours

Pacing, agitation,
repetition,
collecting, hiding

Spatial Perception

Judge physical
environment,
black & white

Physical Abilities

Shuffling, falling,
grabbing, etc.

Emotions & Mood

Sudden change,
Inappropriate
reaction

Normal

Alzheimer's



Language



Memory



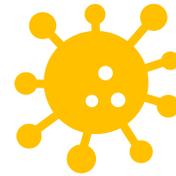
Language

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Treatable conditions



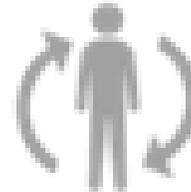
Depression



Delirium



Medication side effects



Metabolic disorders



Vision or hearing impairment



Sleep disorders



Nutritional deficiencies

10 Warning Signs



Changes in mood, personality and behaviour



Problems with language



Difficulty performing familiar tasks



Misplacing things



Problems with abstract thinking

10 Warning Signs



Loss of initiative



Disorientation of time and space



Memory problems that disrupt daily life



Challenges understanding visual and spatial information



Impaired judgement

Responsive Behaviours

- All behaviour has meaning
- Result of the disease process
- Individualized
- Most behaviours are the result of an unmet need



SUPPORT in OUR COMMUNITY



First Link Care Navigation
Confidential Support and Counselling
Education & Health Promotion
Support Groups
Respite Relief
Behavioural Supports Ontario
Social Activation
Day Program

Questions?

