

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Symptom Tracker Worksheet

Alzheimer's and dementia aren't just about forgetfulness. It can be difficult to gauge your concerns and know what signs are a normal part of aging and which are more serious.

This checklist is designed to help you track the type and frequency of your loved one's symptoms and behaviors. Although Alzheimer's and dementia affect people differently, there are some commonalities to watch for.

Take this completed worksheet to your loved one's doctor appointment so a healthcare professional can help develop the best care plan.

	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	NEVER
ORIENTATION				
Forgets names of close family & friends				
Forgets his/her home address or location				
Forgets the date, time of day, or year				
Asks repetitive questions				
COMMUNICATION				
Has trouble using words to express needs				
Becomes frustrated when speaking				
Repeats words, phrases & gestures				
Talks to people who are not present				
Has difficulty with comprehension				
BATHING & GROOMING				
Refuses to change clothes				
Resists bathing				
Refuses personal hygiene maintenance				
Exhibits anxiety about water				
Becomes combative during grooming				
NUTRITION & HYDRATION				
Eats less than 1500 calories per day				
Eats more than 2500 calories per day				
Only eats a few types of food				
Eats 50% or less of a meal				
Refuses water consumption				
BEHAVIOR				
Refuses or resists medications				
Accuses others of theft or malice				
Exhibits frustration easily				
Fearful of new people or situation				
JUDGMENT				
Mismanages money				
Dresses inappropriately for weather				
Unable to recognize danger				
Inability to comprehend consequences				

	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	NEVER
ENGAGEMENT				
Appears anxious or fearful				
Appears sad or withdrawn				
Has difficulty making eye contact				
Demonstrates apathy about daily life				
Withdrawl from hobbies or pasttimes				
TOILETING				
Accidents or incontinence				
Unaware of need to use the bathroom				
Is unaware of incontinence				
PHYSICAL				
Experiences difficulty in walking				
Shuffles when moving				
Difficulty transitioning from sitting to standing				
Apears to have pain				
Exhibits changes in facial expressions				
Changes in sleeping habits				
Experiences falls				
Increase in bruising				
WANDERING & SAFETY				
Is unsafe around the stove or hot surfaces				
Is unsafe around water				
Attempts to eat non-food items				
Has gotten lost				
Attempts to leave home				
Is currently still driving				

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