

## Symptoms and Signs of Dementia

- Different types of dementia have different symptoms
- Not everyone will experience all of the symptoms listed below or in any particular order. In other words, “When you have met one person with dementia...you have met one person with dementia.”
- Any “symptom” must represent a decline from a previously higher level of functioning

<b>MILD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Memory loss</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poor judgment leading to bad decisions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Loss of spontaneity and sense of initiative</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Taking longer to complete normal daily tasks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Repeating questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trouble handling money and paying bills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wandering and getting lost</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Losing things or misplacing them in odd places</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mood and personality changes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased anxiety and/or aggression</li> </ul>
<b>MODERATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased memory loss and confusion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inability to learn new things</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with language and problems with reading, writing, and working with numbers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty organizing thoughts and thinking logically</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shortened attention span</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Problems coping with new situations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty carrying out multistep tasks, such as getting dressed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Problems recognizing family and friends</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hallucinations, delusions, and paranoia</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Impulsive behavior such as undressing at inappropriate times or places or using vulgar language</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate outbursts of anger</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Restlessness, agitation, anxiety, tearfulness, wandering—especially in the late afternoon or evening</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Repetitive statements or movement, occasional muscle twitches</li> </ul>
<b>SEVERE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inability to communicate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weight loss</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seizures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Skin infections</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty swallowing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Groaning, moaning, or grunting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased sleeping</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Loss of bowel and bladder control</li> </ul>