



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's disease is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and, eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. In most people with the disease – those with the late-onset type symptoms first appear in their mid-60s.

WHAT ARE THE EARLY SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?



MEMORY PROBLEMS ARE TYPICALLY ONE OF THE FIRST SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, THOUGH DIFFERENT PEOPLE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS. A DECLINE IN OTHER ASPECTS OF THINKING, SUCH AS FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS, VISION/SPATIAL ISSUES, AND IMPAIRED REASONING OR JUDGMENT, MAY ALSO SIGNAL THE VERY EARLY STAGES OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

WHAT ARE THE STAGES OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRESSES IN SEVERAL STAGES: PRECLINICAL, EARLY (ALSO CALLED MILD), MIDDLE (MODERATE), AND LATE (SEVERE). DURING THE PRECLINICAL STAGE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, PEOPLE SEEM TO BE SYMPTOM-FREE, BUT TOXIC CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE BRAIN. A PERSON IN THE EARLY STAGE OF ALZHEIMER'S MAY EXHIBIT THE SIGNS LISTED ABOVE.

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