

Alzheimer's Diseases & Symptoms

Alzheimer's Disease is sometimes hard to detect. In the early stages symptoms emerge slowly and are often unrecognized. A doctor is the only one who can make a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. If you think that someone close to you may have Alzheimer's, use these ten questions to help you decide if you should talk with a doctor.

Does the person forget things more often, such as appointments, people's name or telephone numbers? Is this forgetfulness affecting his or her ability to get things done?

Is the person having a hard time doing familiar tasks such as buttoning his or her shirt, paying bills, or using the VCR?

Is the person putting things in strange places such as placing keys in the refrigerator?

Is the person forgetting common words or losing his or her train of thought while talking?

Does the person have a hard time with complex task such as balancing a checkbook or keeping track of movie or book plots?

Have you noticed that the changes in the person's behavior leave him or her confused, suspicious or afraid?

Is the person sometimes confused about what day it is or how to get to familiar places, such as his or her home or the store?

Has the person lost interest in hobbies, clubs or other things he or she used to enjoy?

Have you noticed that the person is avoiding other people including family and friends?

Does the person have a harder time now making choices than in the past?

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