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What is Alzheimer's Disease?

Dementia is a brain disorder that seriously affects a person’s ability to carry out daily activities. The most common form of dementia among older people is Alzheimer’s disease (AD), which involves the parts of the brain that control thought, memory, and language.

Alzheimer's disease affects 5.3 million Americans, and over 100,000 Arkansans. Diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is made by eliminating other possible causes of dementia by looking at the results of a series of tests.

While there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, there are treatments that may help prevent some symptoms from becoming worse for a limited time.

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Our services include:
24 hour telephone support
Family and professional education
Support groups for patients and caregivers
Financial assistance
Community awareness presentations
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Possible Signs of Alzheimer’s Disease
If you or someone you know is having increased difficulty in the following areas, it could be early Alzheimer’s disease.

There are some reversible conditions that may cause the similar symptoms. Whether it is Alzheimer’s or another condition, there is treatment available. The earlier the diagnosis, the sooner treatment can begin. Make an appointment with your physician as soon as possible.

**Things to look for:**

- Problems doing familiar things
- Forgets common words or uses the wrong words
- Change in mood or personality
- Loss of interest in doing things
- Lacks judgment & problem solving
- Frequent problems completing tasks with multiple steps
- Forgets things more often
- Frequently loses things
- Repeats conversations or questions
- Trouble driving
- Gets lost even in familiar locations

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