

Dementia

An umbrella term used to describe a collection of brain diseases and their symptoms, which include: memory loss, impaired judgment, personality changes, and an inability to perform daily activities.



Alzheimer's Disease

Prevalence

60-70% of dementia cases

Characterized by

Amyloid plaques and beta tangles.

Symptoms include

Impairments in memory, language, and visuospatial skills.



Vascular Dementia

Prevalence

10-20% of dementia cases

Characterized by

Disease or injury to the blood vessels leading to the brain.

Symptoms include

Impaired motor skills and judgement.



Frontotemporal Dementia

Prevalence

10% of dementia cases

Characterized by

Deterioration of frontal and temporal lobes of the brain.

Symptoms include

Personality changes and issues with language.



Lewy Body Dementia

Prevalence

5% of dementia cases

Characterized by

Lewy body protein deposits on nerve cells.

Symptoms include

Hallucinations, disordered sleep, impaired thinking and motor skills.



Other Dementias

Prevalence

5% of dementia cases

Dementias related to

- Parkinson's disease
- Huntington's disease
- HIV
- Crutzfeldt-Jakob disease
- Korsakoff syndrome