

ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: *Basic Concept*

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LEVELS OF PREVENTION,
ADVANCE DIRECTIVES)

Alzheimer's Disease is a condition which causes problems with thinking, memory, and this gets worse over time and becomes severe interfering with daily tasks.

The basics of Alzheimer's Disease include;

1. Alzheimer's worsens over time. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, where dementia symptoms gradually worsen over a number of years
2. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. The greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older

Underlying Principles

1. Dementia friendly communities should be shaped around information about the social and economic impacts of dementia, the needs and opinions of people living with dementia, together with input from carers
2. There is a need to tackle the stigma and social isolation associated with dementia through strategies to engage and include people with dementia in community activities.
3. For people living with dementia to remain engaged within their communities, businesses and organisations need to demonstrate awareness, respect and responsiveness
4. A timely diagnosis of dementia and early treatment is a critical component of a dementia friendly community.

Nursing Interventions

WHO? WHEN? WHY? HOW?

1. Provide emotional support to the patient and his family.
2. Administer ordered medications and note their effects. If the patient has trouble swallowing, crush tablets and open capsules and mix them with a semi soft food.
3. Protect the patient from injury by providing a safe, structured environment.
4. Provide rest periods between activities because the patient tires easily.
5. Encourage the patient to exercise as ordered to help maintain mobility.
6. Encourage patient independence and allow ample time for him to perform tasks.
7. Encourage sufficient fluid intake and adequate nutrition.