

# ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



## What is Alzheimer's?

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behaviour. Symptoms usually develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks

### Symptoms of Alzheimer's

Serious memory loss, confusion and other major changes in the way our minds work may be a sign that brain cells are failing. The most common early symptom of Alzheimer's is difficulty remembering newly learned information because Alzheimer's changes typically begin in the part of the brain that affects learning. As Alzheimer's advances through the brain it leads to increasingly severe symptoms, including disorientation, mood and behaviour changes; deepening confusion about events, time and place; unfounded suspicions about family, friends and professional caregivers; more serious memory loss and behaviour changes; and difficulty speaking, swallowing and walking.

### The basics of Alzheimer's and dementia

- Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia
- Alzheimer's is not a normal part of ageing
- Alzheimer's worsens over time
- Alzheimer's has not current cure, but treatments for symptoms are available and research continues

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