

# Dementia

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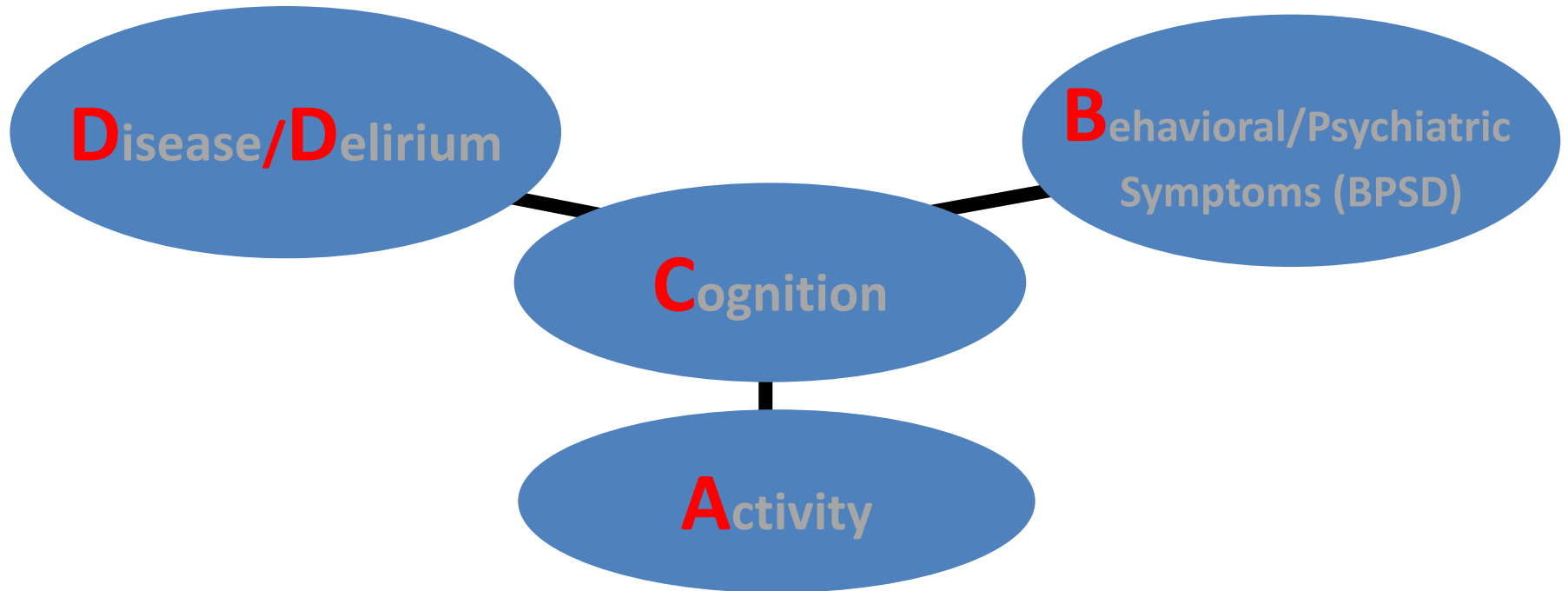
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# Definitions of Dementia



*“A **syndrome**, usually of a **chronic or progressive** nature, in which there is **deterioration in cognitive function beyond** what might be expected from **normal ageing**.” -WHO*

# Diagnostic Criteria of Dementia (1)

## DSM-5 Criteria for Neurocognitive Disorders (NCD)

- **Concerns** of the individual/informant/clinician and **evidence** (standardized neuropsychological test or quantified clinical assessment) of substantial cognitive decline from a previous level of performance in  **$\geq 1$  domain (s)**.
  - The cognitive deficits are sufficient to\*/don't & interfere with **independence**.
  - Not exclusive in the context of delirium.
  - The cognitive deficits are not primarily attributable to another mental disorder (e.g., major depressive disorder, schizophrenia).
- \*Major NCD: **2 SD below** appropriate norm.  
&Mild NCD: **1~2 SD below** appropriate norm.

# DSM-5 Cognitive Domains of NCD

- Complex attention
- Executive function
- Learning and memory
- Language
- Perceptual-motor function
- Social cognition

# There are domain-specific cognitive tests for each domain.

# Symptoms and Assessments for Specific Cognitive Domain

Cognitive domain	Symptoms or observations	Assessments
Complex attention	Multiple stimuli (TV, radio, conversation). Easy distraction. Difficulty in holding new information in mind. Longer thinking.	Sustained attention. Selective attention. Divided attention. Processing speed.
Executive function	Complex project. Effortful decision. Need to focus on one task at a time.	Planning. Decision making. Working memory. Feedback/error utilization. Overriding habits/inhibition. Mental/cognitive abilities.
Learning and memory	Repeats self in conversation. Require frequent reminders.	Immediate memory span. Recent memory. Semantic memory. Autobiographical memory. Implicit memory.
Language	Frequent use of general-use phrases, general pronounce, rather than names. Idiosyncratic word usage, grammatical error, low speech spontaneity, and utterances.	Expressive language. Grammar and syntax. Receptive language.
Perceptive-motor	Difficulties with previously-familiar activities (parking, carpentry, assembly, sewing, or knitting) and navigation More confusion at dusk.	Visual perception. Visuoconstructional. Perceptual-motor. Praxis. Gnosis.
Social cognition	Behavior out of a acceptable social range. Making decision without regard to safety.	Recognition of emotion. Theory in mind.

# Diagnostic Criteria of Dementia (2)

## NIAAA criteria (2011)

- **Cognitive or behavioral impairment**
  - A. Acquired and remember new things
  - B. Reasoning and handling complex task
  - C. Visuospatial ability
  - D. Language functions
  - E. Personality/behavior/compartment
- **Cognitive decline is diagnosed in combination of Hx. + objective assessment**
- **ADL/decline from baseline/exclusion of delirium or major psychiatric disease**

### Update information:

1. No hierarchy of cognitive domains
2. Issue on personality/behavior/compartment
3. Objective assessment as prerequisites



# Cardinal Cognitive Symptoms

- A. Acquired and remember new things ( $\hat{=}$  memory)

Missed appointment; repeat enquiry; forget scenarios of TV program.

- B. Reasoning and handling complex task ( $\hat{=}$  executive function)

Follow recipe; plan a trip; manage finance; calculation errors; dress; kitchen works.

- C. Visuospatial ability (overlapping with perceptual-motor function)

Find cars in parking lot; find road; place items.

- D. Language functions

Name family or friends, find words in conversations.

- E. Personality/behavior/comportment ( $\hat{=}$  social cognition)

Depressed mood; apathy; paranoia.

# 失智症十大警訊

## Ten Warning Signs of AD\*

1. Memory loss that affects job skills
2. Difficulty performing familiar tasks
3. Problems with language
4. Disorientation to time and place
5. Poor or decreased judgment
6. Problems with abstract thinking
7. Misplacing things
8. Changes in mood or behavior
9. Changes in personality
10. Loss of initiative

*Used with the permission of the Alzheimer's Association.*

1. 記憶衰退到影響日常生活
2. 無法勝任原本熟悉的事務
3. 說話表達出現問題
4. 喪失對時間、地點的概念
5. 判斷力變差、警覺性降低
6. 抽象思考出現困難
7. 東西擺放錯亂
8. 個性 (行為與情緒) 改變
9. 視覺與空間辨識困難
10. 社交畏縮

*\*: Recall DSM-5 and NIAAA guideline, cognitive domains section.*

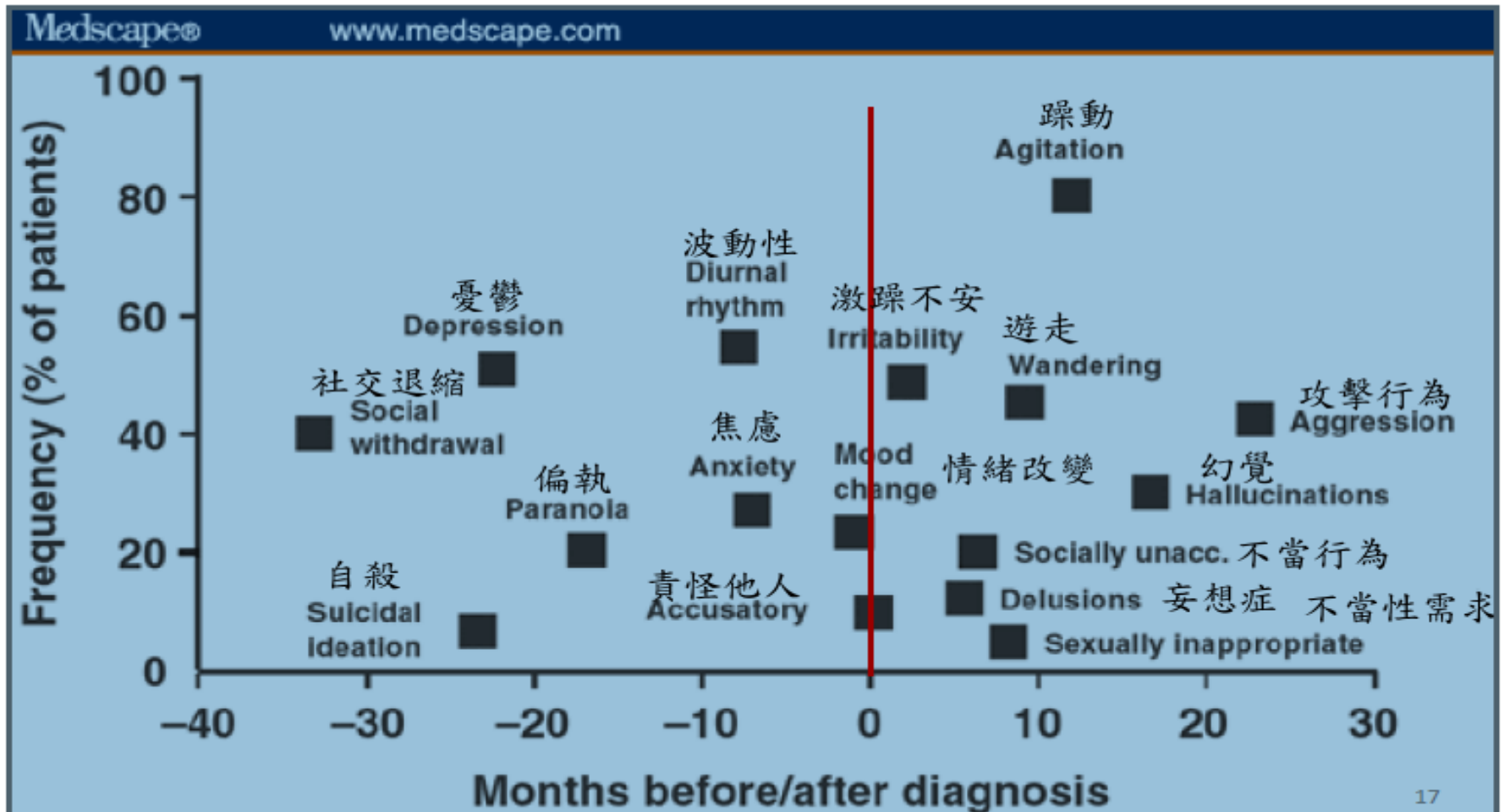
# Common Behavioral and Psychiatric Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD)

**TABLE 2-9**

**Most Common and Disruptive Behavioral and Psychiatric Symptoms of Dementia**

<b>Behavioral</b>	<b>Psychiatric</b>
Wandering	Delusions
Physical aggression	Hallucinations
Restlessness	Anxiety
Agitation	Depression
Pacing	Sleep disturbances
Screaming	Misidentifications
Disinhibition and social inappropriateness	

# BPSD Might Predate the Diagnosis



# Evaluations of BPSD

**TABLE 2-10**

## **General Principles for Investigating for Causes and Treating Behavioral Symptoms in Alzheimer's Disease**

- ▶ Exclude iatrogenic causes (primarily anticholinergic and pain medications).
- ▶ Exclude infections (frequently urinary or respiratory that might be regarded as minor in healthy older adults).
- ▶ Exclude other acute or chronic illnesses.
- ▶ Exclude potential causes for pain that may be difficult to diagnose and treat in the patient with severe dementia.
- ▶ Investigate for changes in patient's caregiver, living arrangements, or general routine.
- ▶ Identify and monitor target symptoms.
- ▶ Avoid drugs for treating behavioral abnormalities with anticholinergic side effects whenever possible.
- ▶ Start medications for treating behavioral problems "low" and go "slow." Too large a dose or rapid escalation will be very likely to cause adverse side effects in this population.
- ▶ When behavioral abnormalities are well controlled by a medication, reduce dose and withdraw medication as soon as possible.

# Disease Course

- Median survival time: 8-10 yrs after initial symptoms, 3-5 yrs after diagnosis made. *J.Gen Intern Med 2004;19:1057-1063*
- In a cohort study recruiting 323 end-staged dementia patients (Mean age= 85.3 y/o, F/U period= 18 months):
  - 1/4: death within 6 months
  - 1/2: life expectancy= 478 days
  - 40-50% mortality in 6 months if fever or swallowing problems
  - Most common Cx: 41.1% pneumonia, 52.6% fever, 85.8% swallowing problems *NEJM 2009;361:1529-38*

# Disease Course

Among symptomatic demented patients

- Hippocampus atrophy ↓ 75 %
- Brain weight ↓ >5 %/yr
- CNS acetylcholine ↓ 50-67%
- CNS acetylcholine receptor number ↓ 80%

*Rev Neurol 1999;155(supp 4)S33-37*

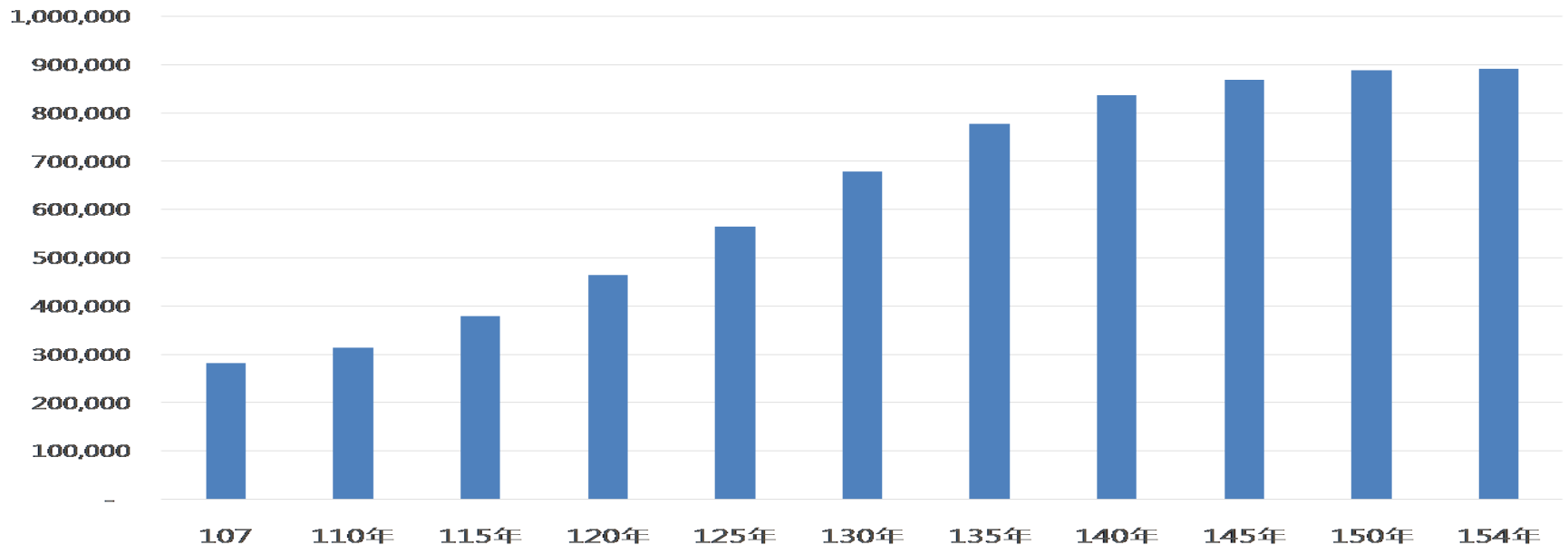
*Neurology 1984;34:939-944*

*Clin Neurol Neurosurg 2005; 107:165-173*

*Brain Res 1998;801:143-149*

# Epidemiology Reports in Taiwan (1)

台灣失智症總人口推估



表一：五歲分年齡層失智症盛行率

年齡(歲)	65~69	70~74	75~79	80~84	85~89	≥90
失智症盛行率(%)	3.40	3.46	7.19	13.03	21.92	36.88



# Epidemiology Reports in Taiwan (2)

機構別	入住人口數	65歲以上 比率	失智症 機構盛行率	推估人口數
安養機構	6,388	97%	26.8%	1,661
養護機構	30,288	88%	61.8%	16,472
護理之家	21,208	93%	64.5%	12,722
總計	57,884			30,855

台灣失智症協會「台灣失智症機構照顧需求之調查-長期照護機構失智症患者之盛行率調查」研究共隨機抽樣60家安養護機構及護理之家，隨機抽樣1525位65歲以上老人，其中1308位完成二階段評估，共有631位老人診斷為失智症

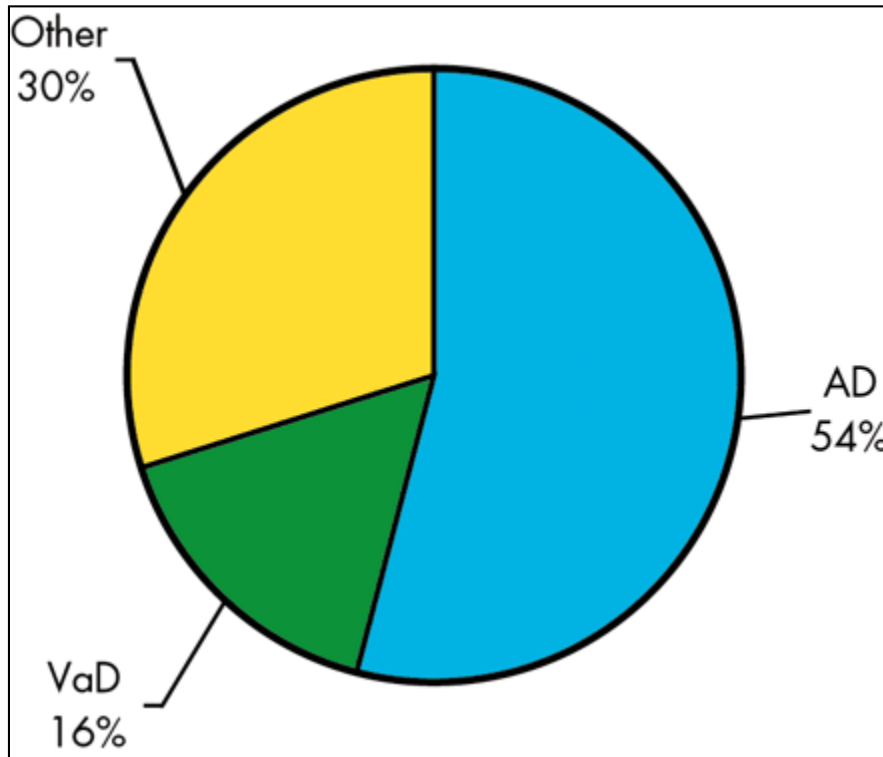
*Chen TF et al., Neuroepidemiology. 2007;28(3):142-9*

# Epidemiology Reports in Taiwan (3)

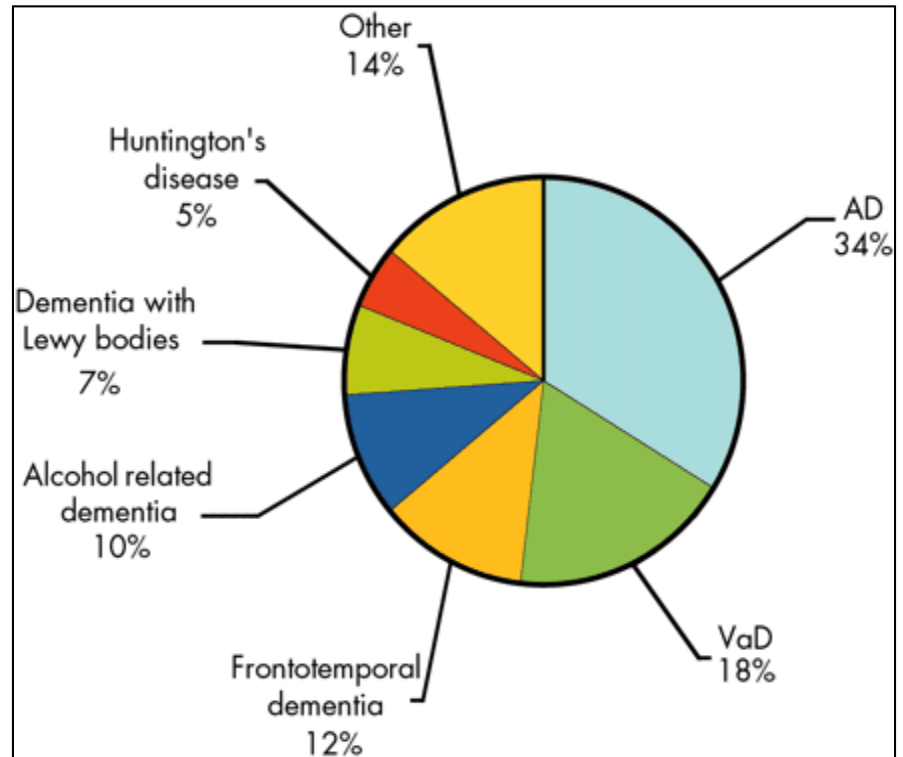
## 失智相關之精神與行為障礙 (behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia)

精神相關症狀	妄想(31-63%)	被偷妄想(27-56%)
		被害妄想(24-28%)
		忌妒妄想(3-17%)
		被遺棄妄想(2-9%)
	幻覺(21-26%)	視幻覺
		聽幻覺
	錯認(39%)	錯認不存在的人在屋子裡(22-23%)
		錯認現在住的房子不是自己的家(16%)
		錯認親人配偶是別人或偽裝者
		錯認電視上的內容是事實
情感症狀	錯認鏡中的自己是別人	
	憂鬱(17-50%)	
		焦慮(35-76%)
行為障礙	睡眠障礙(26-61%)	
	重複行為	
	激躁行為(39-57%)	言語(70%)、行動(30%)
	遊走(26-45%)	
	病態收集(23-36%)	
	不當性需求(8-15%)	
	冷漠(42-47%)	
	進食障礙(29-36%)	
		Fuh, Acta Neurol Taiwan 2006;15:154-160
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# Epidemiology Overview – Late vs. Young-onset dementia

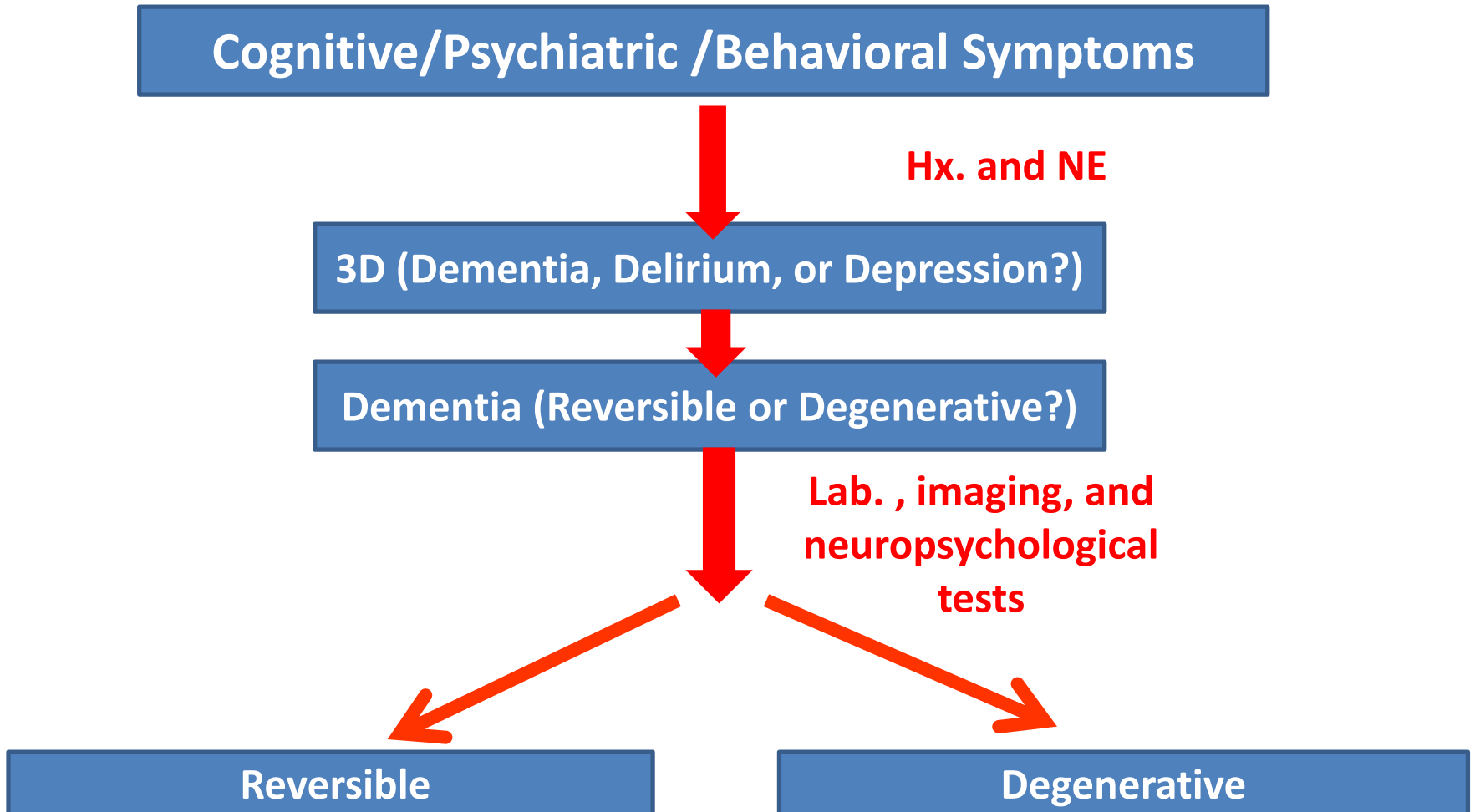


late onset ( $\geq 65$  years)



young onset (< 65 years)

# Clinical Flow Chart



# History-taking under Cognitive-domain Oriented Strategies

## A. Acquired and remember new things

會重複問同一件事情嗎? 聊天/電話中會不會馬上忘記剛剛講的事情?

## B. Reasoning and handling complex task

工作順利嗎? 上司同事對他工作表現評價如何? 如果讓他獨力完成(工作), 你放心嗎?

## C. Visuospatial ability

會迷路嗎? 開車技術如何? 大賣場回家要找停車處會有困難嗎?

## D. Language functions

久未見面的親友, 名字會叫不出來? 要拿某個東西, 會不會叫不出名字? 講話有甚麼奇怪的地方嗎? 寫字呢? 多久沒看報紙了?

## E. Personality/behavior/comportment

衛生習慣怎樣? 有沒有曾做出甚麼令你難堪或尷尬的舉動? 個人花錢或娛樂習慣有改變嗎? 會哭泣或談到不好的事情嗎?

# History-taking under BPSD Oriented Strategies

- Use open question after developing rapport

這段時間以來, 患者有沒有表現甚麼您覺得奇怪的地方?

例如說性格變化很大, 或著生活上習慣的改變 (或著疑神疑鬼, 或著很沮喪)?

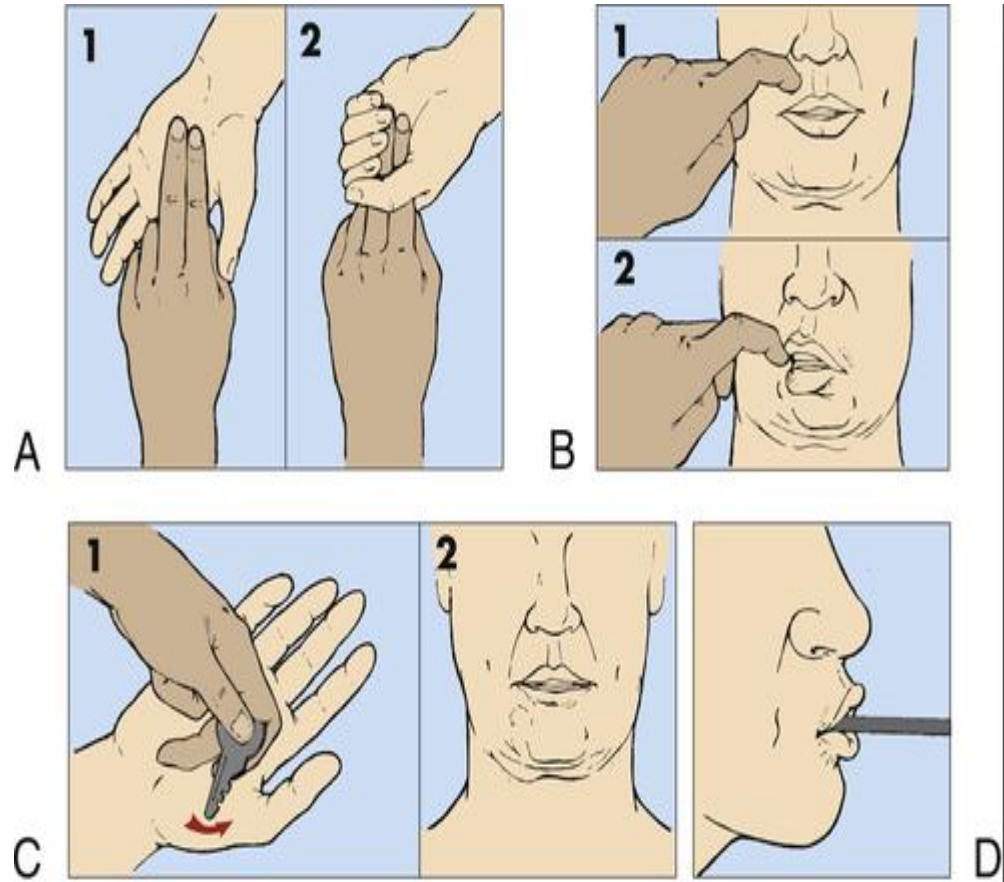
- Wandering/Pacing 會漫無目的的遊走/反覆繞圈圈嗎?
- Aggression/Screaming 會出手打人, 或說粗話, 或大吼大叫嗎?
- Restlessness/agitation 會呈現不安, 不時搓手或衣服折角, 甚至很躁動?
- Disinhibition 有沒有甚麼嚴重的狀況, 是你叫他“不要這樣做”的?

# History-taking under BPSD Oriented Strategies

- **Delusion** 長輩曾經有懷疑過有人要害她/丈夫外面找其他人/有人偷她錢/聲稱這不是我家/或家人不是家人?
- **Hallucination** 患者有沒有曾經看到您看不到的東西? 或有視覺/觸覺/味覺上的抱怨? (明明旁人就感受不到, 可是患者卻說有)
- **Anxiety** 家人會常覺得長輩很“緊張兮兮” 或擔心被拋棄/擔心身體健康/擔心未來的生活變化?
- **Depression** 您有發現長輩比較少話, 足不出戶? 最近體重/睡眠/胃口怎麼樣? 會常想到“不好”的事情?
- **Sleep disturbance** 睡覺一直做夢? 隔天早上頭痛? 沒精神? 想睡又睡不著?
- **Misidentification** 會把你錯認為其他人嗎? (比如認為你是他兄弟, 或其他親友)

# Neurological Signs Indicative Dementia – Primitive reflex

- A: Grasp reflex
- B: Snout reflex
- C: Palmomentental reflex
- D: Suck reflex

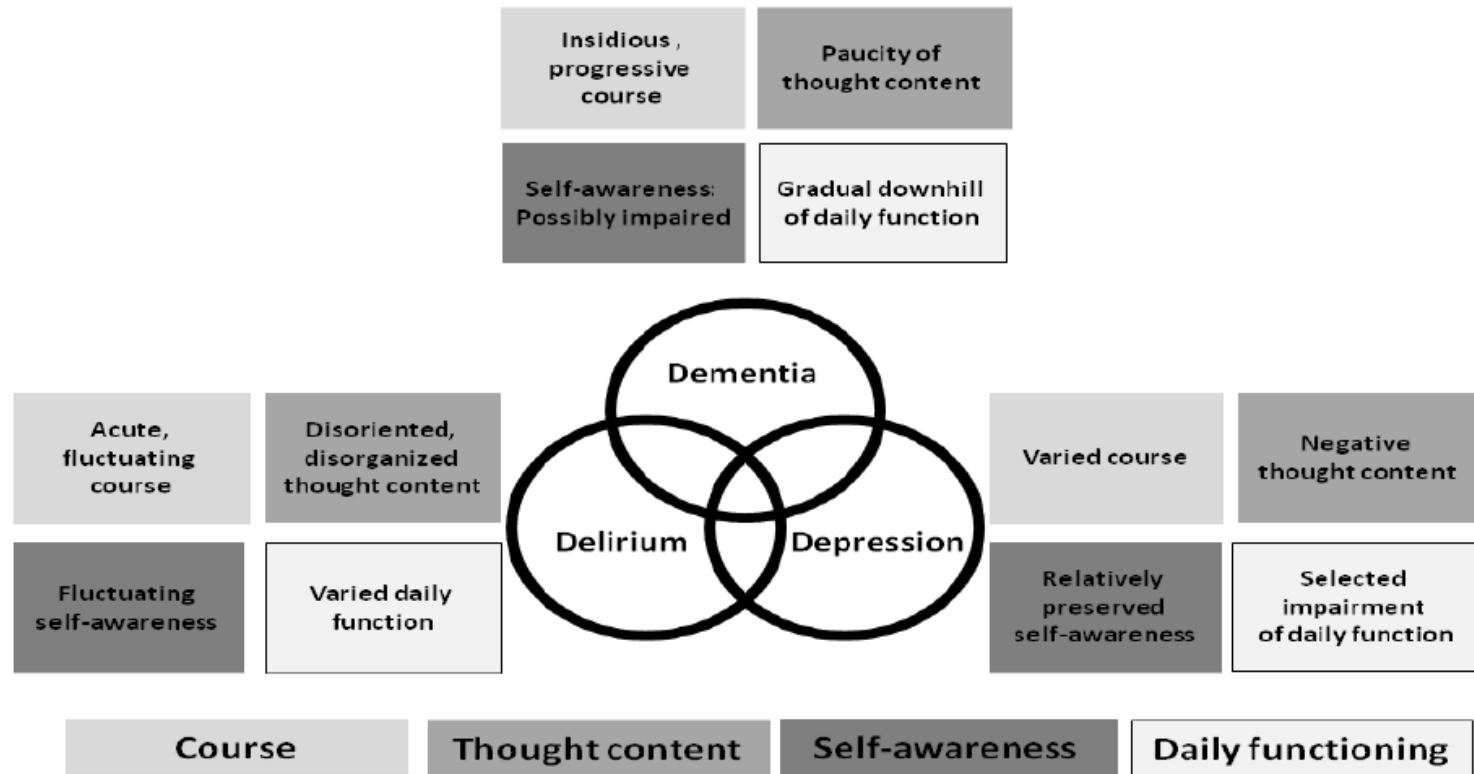




# Bedside Mental Status Examinations

Cognitive Domain↵	Test↵
Attention↵	Temporal orientation↵
	Forward digit span ↵
	A vigilance ↵
Language ↵	Observation of spontaneous speech ↵
	Yes/No question↵
	Verbal commands (token test) ↵
	Verbatim repetition↵
	One-minute category fluency↵
	Naming to confrontation ↵
Memory↵	Delayed recall of 3 words↵
	Serial word list learning ↵
Visuospatial Function↵	Finger copy↵
	Finger constructions↵
	Clock draw↵
Executive Function↵	Luria 3 step-test↵
	Reverse digit span↵
	Imitation behavior ↵

# Comparisons among “3D”: Dementia, Depression, and Delirium



失智症- 臨床與生物標記並行的診斷結構 涂敏謙

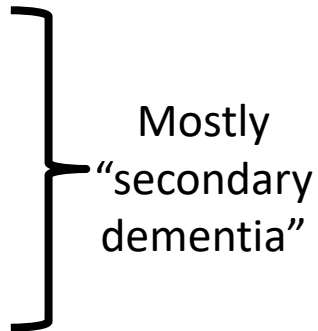
# Differential Diagnosis

- Primary Dementia: AD, FTD, CJD
- Dementia “Plus”: VCI, PDD, DLB, PSP, CBD
- Secondary Dementia ( $\hat{=}$  reversible dementia)  
: Metabolic/Medication encephalopathy,  
space-occupying lesions, NPH,  
pseudodementia of depression, chronic  
meningitis, etc.

AD: Alzheimer’s disease, FTD: Frontotemporal lobar degeneration; CJD: Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease; VCI: Vascular Cognitive Impairment; PDD: Parkinson’s disease with Dementia; DLB Dementia with Lewy Bodies; PSP: Progressive Supranuclear Palsy; CBD: Corticobasal degeneration; NPH: Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus

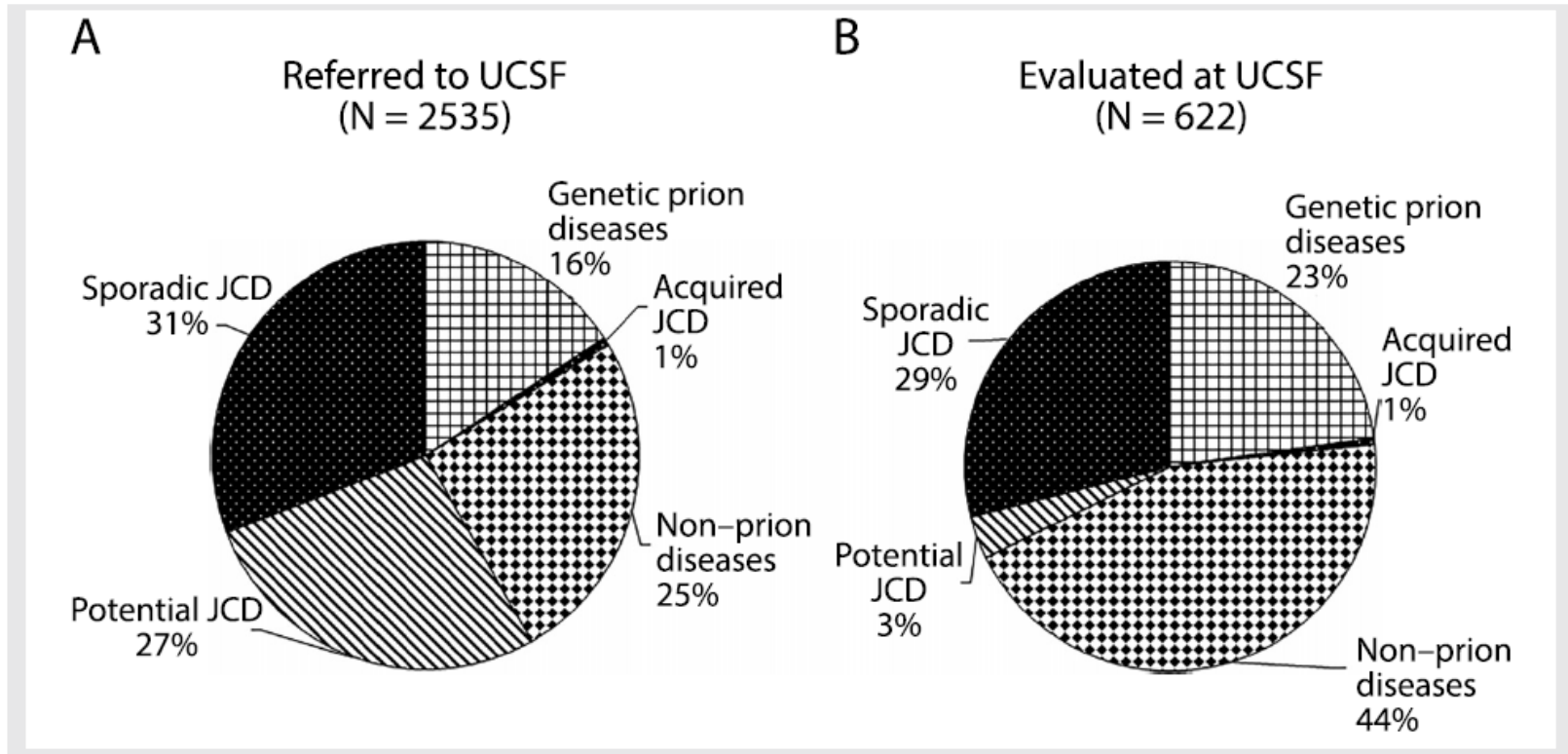
# Rapidly Progressive Dementia (RPD)

A term used for dementia progression within a period shorter than that in general\* (e.g., months), including

- Prion disease
  - Inflammatory (immune-mediated and infectious) dz.
  - Vascular dz.
  - Metabolic dz.
  - Neoplastic CNS dz.
  - (Some) neurodegenerative diseases (but of atypical presentation)
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- Mostly  
“secondary  
dementia”

\*Diverse operational definitions are proposed (e.g., onset-to-dementia/(death)  $\leq 2$  yrs, MMSE annual decline  $> 6$ ).

# Prion and Non-prion Disease in RPD



*Continuum (Minneapolis) 2016; 22(2): 510-537*

# Comparisons between Creutzfeldt–Jakob Disease (CJD) Subtypes

	<i>Variant CJD</i>	<i>Typical sporadic CJD (MM1)</i>
<i>Clinical features<sup>a,b</sup></i>		
Mean age at death	29 years	65 years
Median duration of illness	14 months	4 months
Neurological signs	<i>Presentation:</i> affective or psychotic disorder, persistent pain, sensory symptoms, sometimes gait ataxia or dysarthria <i>Later stage:</i> ataxia, dementia	<i>Presentation:</i> cognitive impairment, ataxia, mental, and visual signs <i>Later stage:</i> myoclonus, ataxia, and pyramidal signs
<i>General diagnostic test<sup>a</sup></i>		
Thalamic MRI high signal	Pulvinar 90%	Caudate/putamen 60%
EEG	'Typical' 0%	'Typical' 80%
PrP <sup>Sc</sup> detection in tonsil biopsy	Positive	Negative
<i>Neuropathological features<sup>b,c</sup></i>		
Cerebral and cerebellar cortex	Multiple florid plaques in H&E sections, numerous small clusters of plaques in PrP stained sections, amorphous pericellular and perivascular PrP accumulation	Widespread fine spongiform degeneration, astrogliosis, neuronal loss; punctate PrP immunoreactivity; 'brush stroke' pattern in cerebellar molecular layer
Caudate nucleus and putamen	Severe spongiform change, perineuronal and axonal PrP accumulation	Fine spongiform degeneration and astrogliosis; punctate PrP immunoreactivity
Posterior thalamic nuclei and midbrain	Marked astrocytosis and neuronal loss	Fine spongiform degeneration and astrogliosis; punctate PrP immunoreactivity; substantia nigra not affected
Brainstem and spinal cord	Reticular and perineuronal PrP accumulation in gray matter	No spongiform degeneration and PrP immunoreactivity
<i>Molecular features of PrP<sup>Sc</sup></i>		
129 Polymorphism	MM	MM
Gel mobility (type)	19 kDa (type 2)	21 kDa (type 1)
N-terminal PK cleavage site	Residue 97	Residue 82

<sup>a</sup>Will RG and Ward HJ (2004) Clinical features of variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease. *Current Topics in Microbiology and Immunology* 284: 121–132.

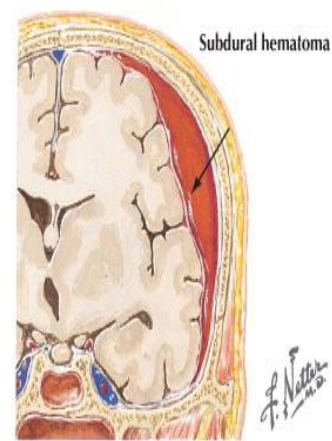
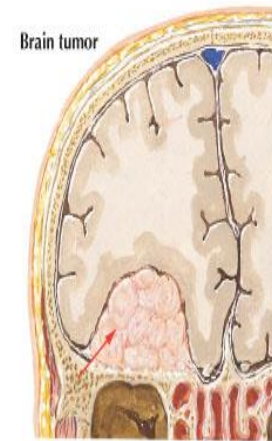
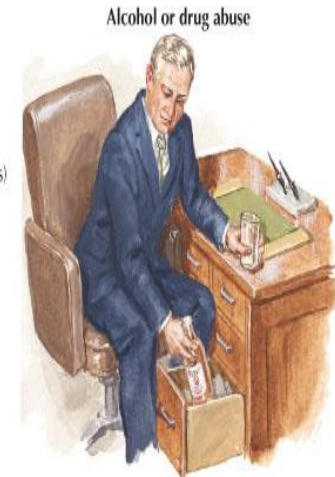
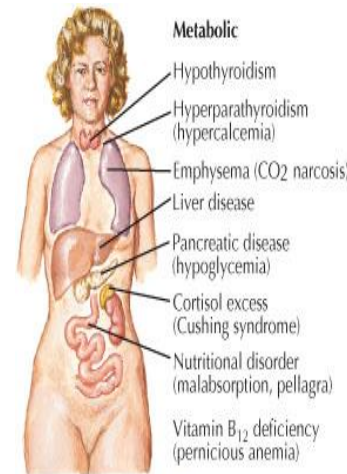
<sup>b</sup>Gambetti P, et al. (2003) Sporadic and familial CJD: Classification and characterisation. *British Medical Bulletin* 66: 213–239.

<sup>c</sup>Ironside JW and Head MW (2004) Neuropathology and molecular biology of variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease *Current Topics in Microbiology and Immunology* 284: 133–159.

Source EEG, Electroencephalogram.

# Reversible Etiologies of Dementia

- Medication encephalopathy
- Pseudodementia of depression
- Normal pressure hydrocephalus
- Hypothyroidism
- Vitamin B12/folic acid deficiency
- Resectable intracranial tumors
- Subdural hematomas
- Chronic meningitis



# Classes of Medications Impairing Cognition

Classes of Medications	Examples
● Cholinergic antagonist	● Baclofen/Mephenoxalone
● Sedatives/hypnotics	● Lorazepam/Zolpidem
● Narcotics	● Tramadol/Morphine
● Antihistamine	● Cyproheptadine/Diphenhydramine
● Dopaminergic antagonist	● Metoclopramide/Prochlorperazine/Haloperidol



# Diagnostic Tools

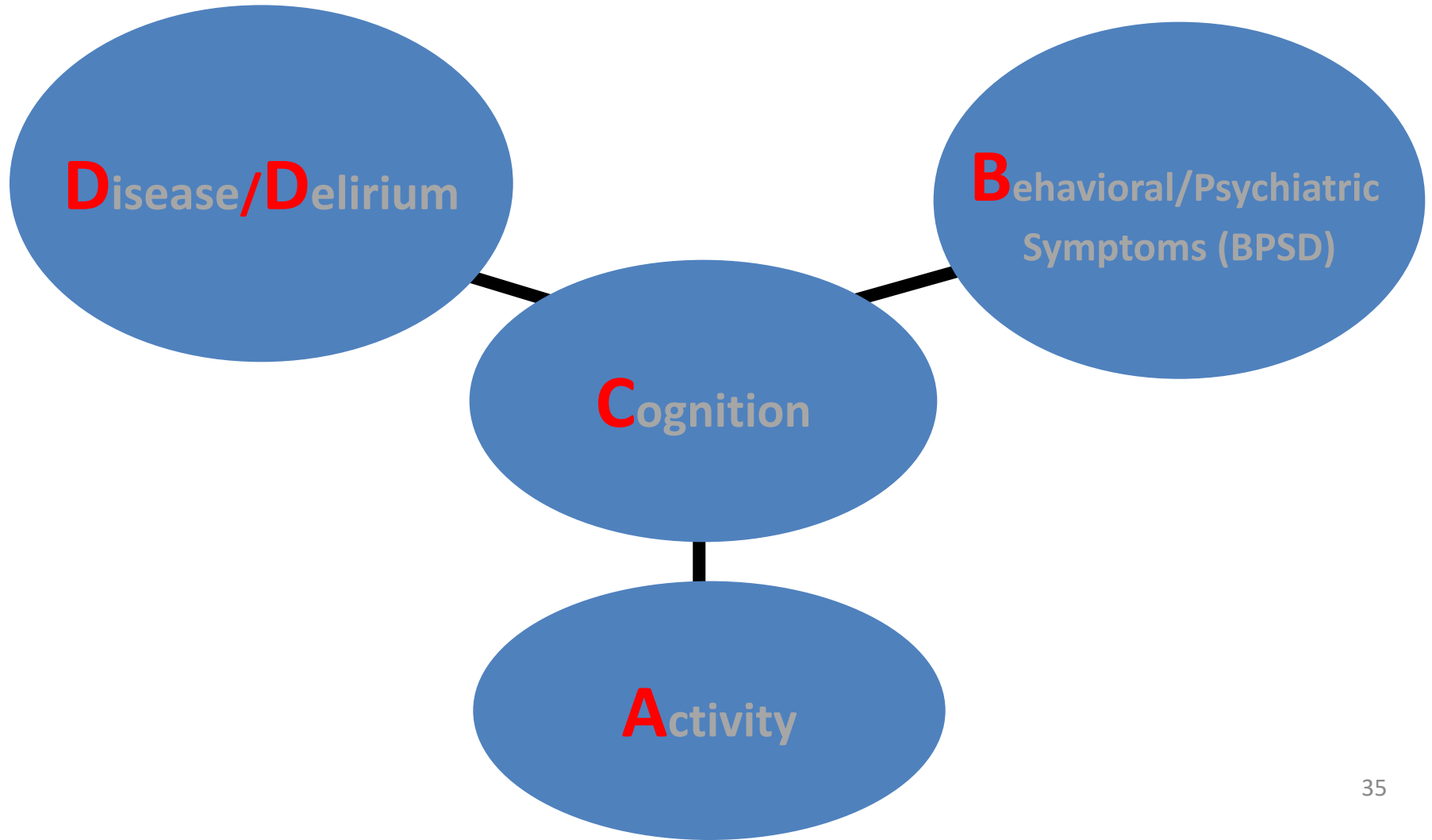
- Biochemistry:
    - Serology: CBC, Cr/LFT/(ammonia\*), cortisol/fT4, folic acid/Vit B12, (HIV/heavy metal/drugs panel\*), and RPR
    - CSF\*
  - Structural neuroimaging: CT, MRI
  - Neuropsychological tests
  - Functional neuroimaging\*: SPECT, PET
  - Electrophysiology\*: EEG
- \*: based on clinician's judgment

# Therapeutic Strategies-

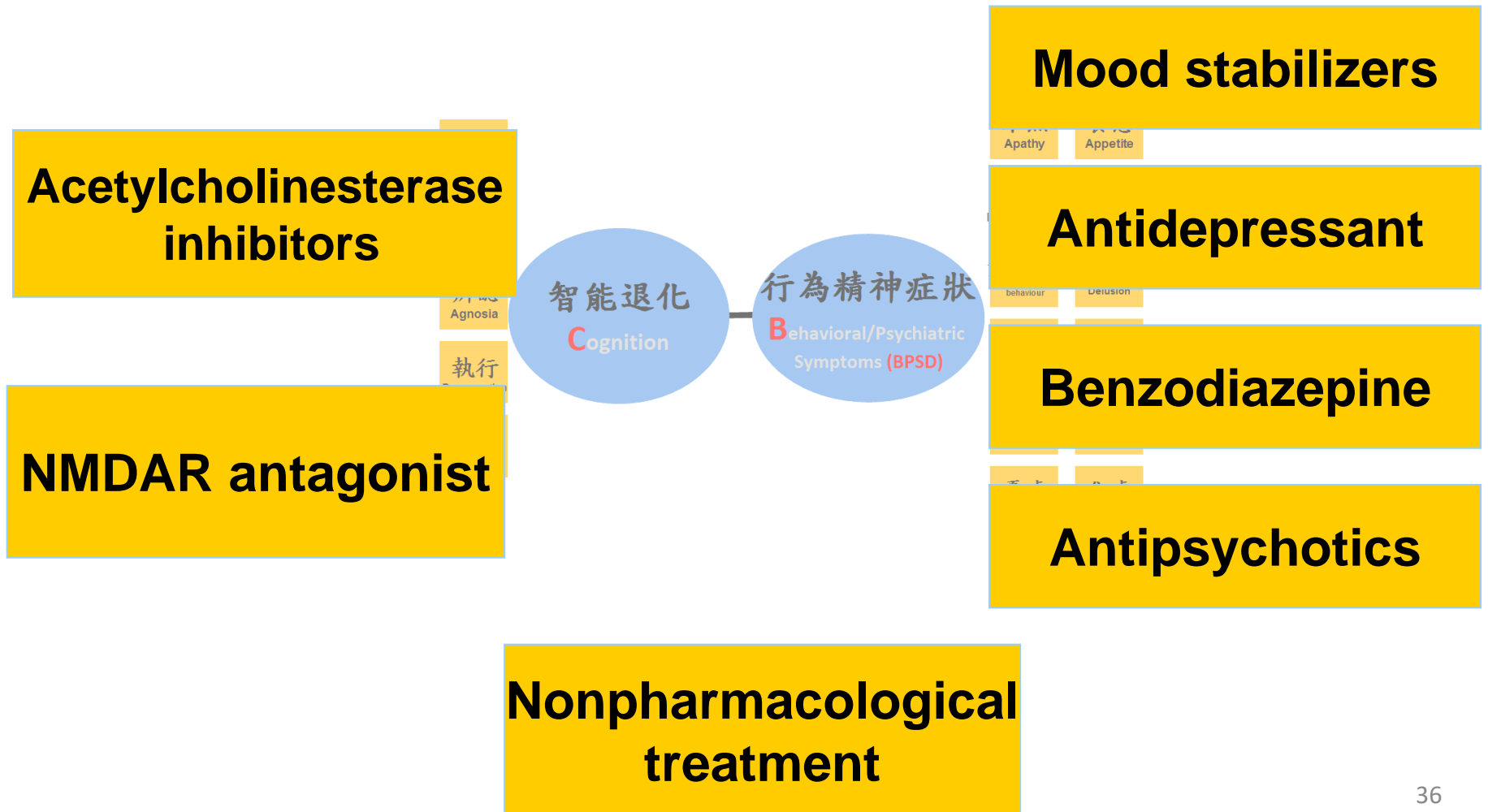
## General Principle

- Diagnosis documentation
- Control confounding systemic disease/medication
- Patient and family consultation
- Pharmacological treatment
  - Cognition
  - Psychiatric symptoms
  - Behavior
  - Functional performances
  - Caregivers' burden
- Non-pharmacological treatment

# Algorithm of Management (D->C->B->A)



# Symptoms-targeted Therapeutic Strategies



# Pharmacological Treatment

- AchEI:
  - Donepezil: Mild to severe AD \*, (DLB)
  - Rivastigmine: Mild to moderate AD, PDD#, (DLB)
  - Galantamine: Mild to moderate AD, (DLB)
- Memantine: Moderate to severe AD
- Antidepressants/BZD/antipsychotics/Mood stabilizers/AchEI: BPSD

\* preserved mobilization capacity is mandatory # only capsule formulation permitted  
( ) based onto mixed but positive results and clinical observations.

AchEI: Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors; PDD: Parkinson's disease with Dementia; DLB  
Dementia with Lewy Bodies

# Non-pharmacological Therapy

## STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND REDUCE PROBLEM BEHAVIORS

Strategy	Strength Of Evidence
<b>To improve functional performance</b>	
● – Behavior modification, scheduled toileting, prompted voiding to reduce urinary incontinence .....	Strong
● – Graded assistance, practice and positive reinforcement to increase functional independence .....	Good
– Low lighting levels, music and simulated nature sounds to improve eating behaviors.....	Weak
– Intensive multi-modality group training may improve activities of daily living .....	Weak
<b>To reduce problem behaviors</b>	
● – Music, particularly during meals and bathing .....	Good
● – Walking or other forms of light exercise .....	Good
– Simulated presence therapy, such as use of videotapes of family .....	Weak
– Massage .....	Weak
– Comprehensive psychosocial care programs .....	Weak
– Pet therapy .....	Weak
– Utilizing commands issued at the patient’s comprehension level .....	Weak
– Bright light, white noise .....	Weak
– Cognitive remediation .....	Weak

# Flow Chart: From Evaluation to Treatment

Cognitive/Psychiatric /Behavioral Symptoms

3D (Dementia, Delirium, Depression)

Dementia (Reversible or Degenerative?)

BPSD?

Y

N

Tx.  
Nonpharmacological

Antipsychotic  
Antidepressants  
BZD  
Mood stabilizers  
AChEI

Degenerative :  
AD: AChEI/Memantine  
DLB/PDD: AChEI (Rivastigmine)  
VCI: CVA preventions  
Reversible: Correction of underlying

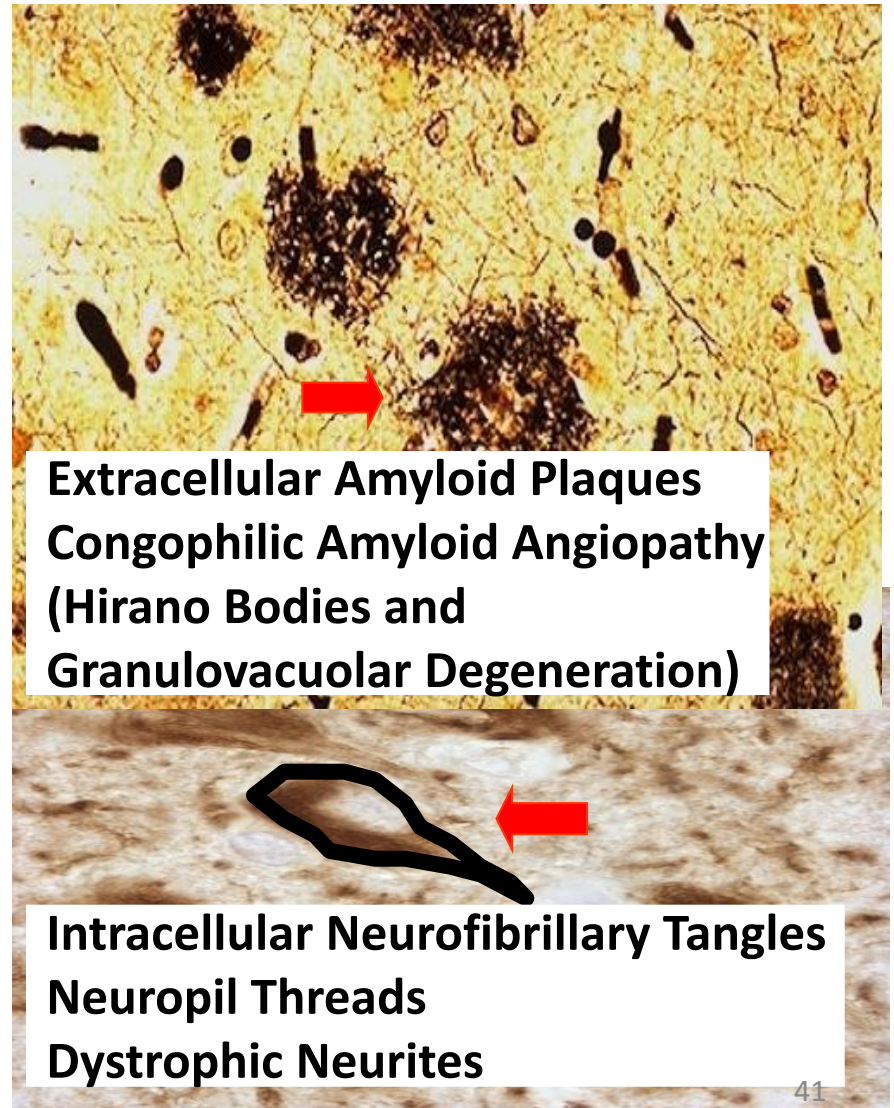
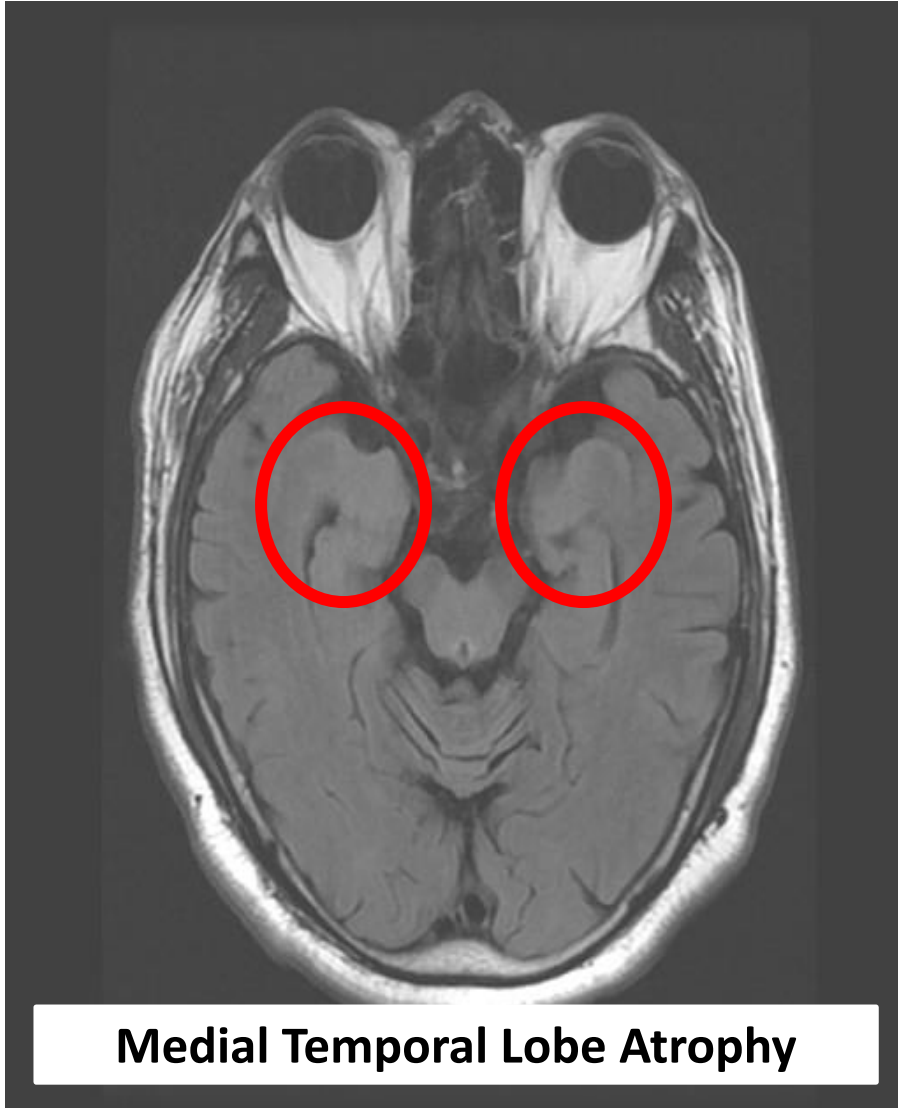
Pharmacological Tx. : “D->C->B->A rule”

# Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

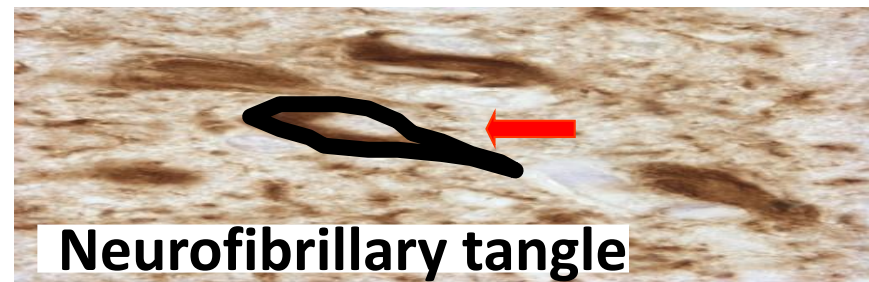
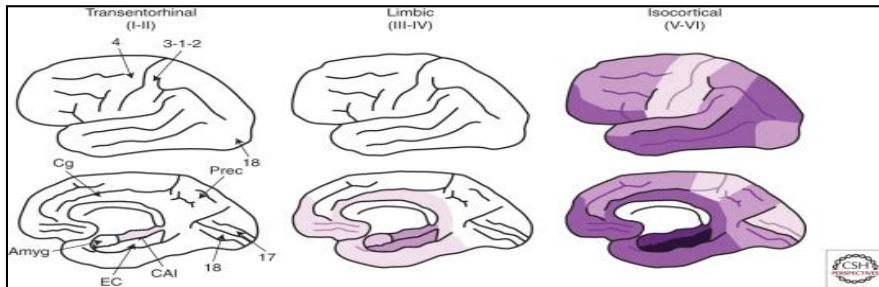
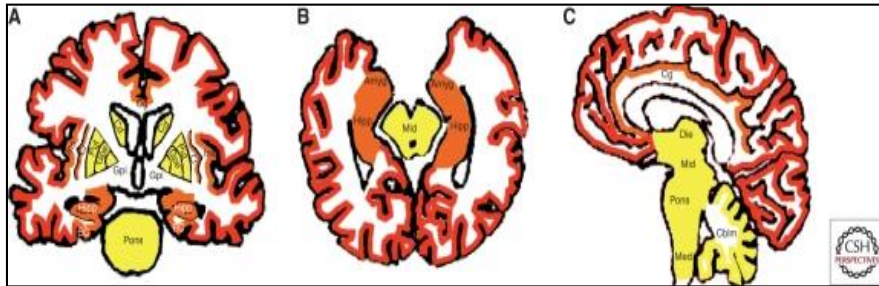
- Classical phenotypes: Amnestic (60%) and nonamnestic presentations
- Increasing prevalence with age D/D early vs. late onset by 65's
- Medial temporal lobe + other neocortex atrophy



# Pathology of AD



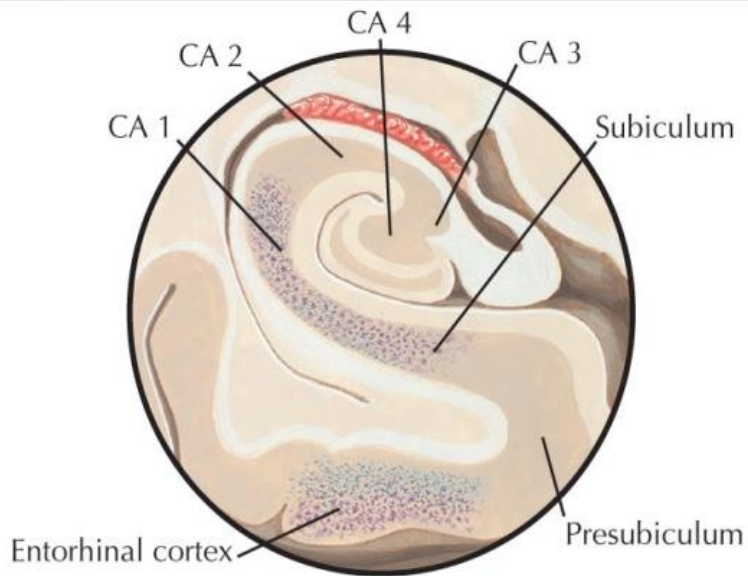
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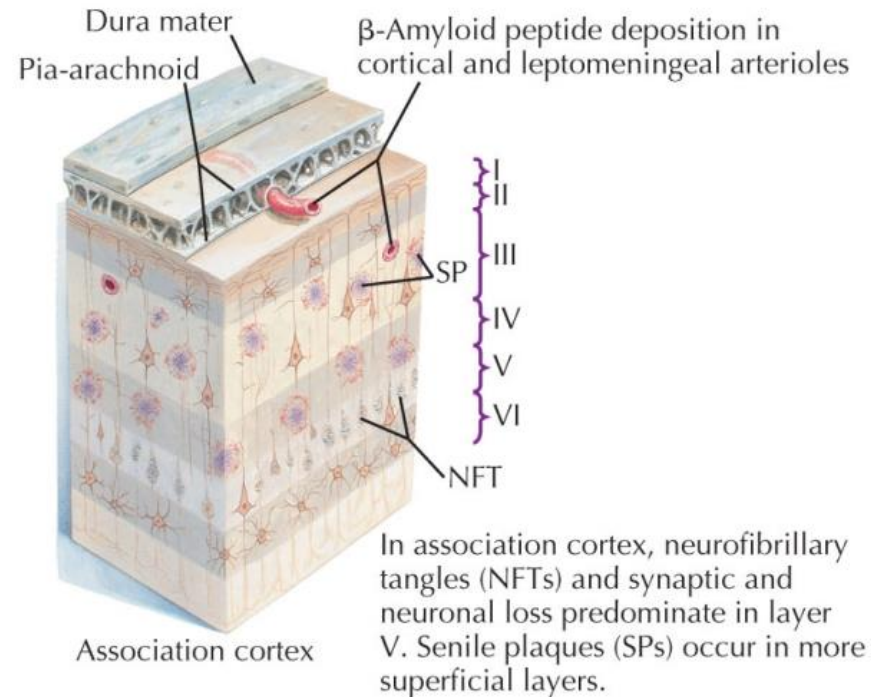
Amyloid plaque (Upper row): Isocortex (basal then association areas of F-T-O regions)-> Allocortex (hippocampus)-> subcortical-> brainstem and cerebellum.

Neurofibrillary tangle (Lower row): Allocortex (entorhinal/perihinal cortex)-> hippocampus->Isocortex (association cortex/neocortex).

# Pathogenesis: Pathology Viewpoints



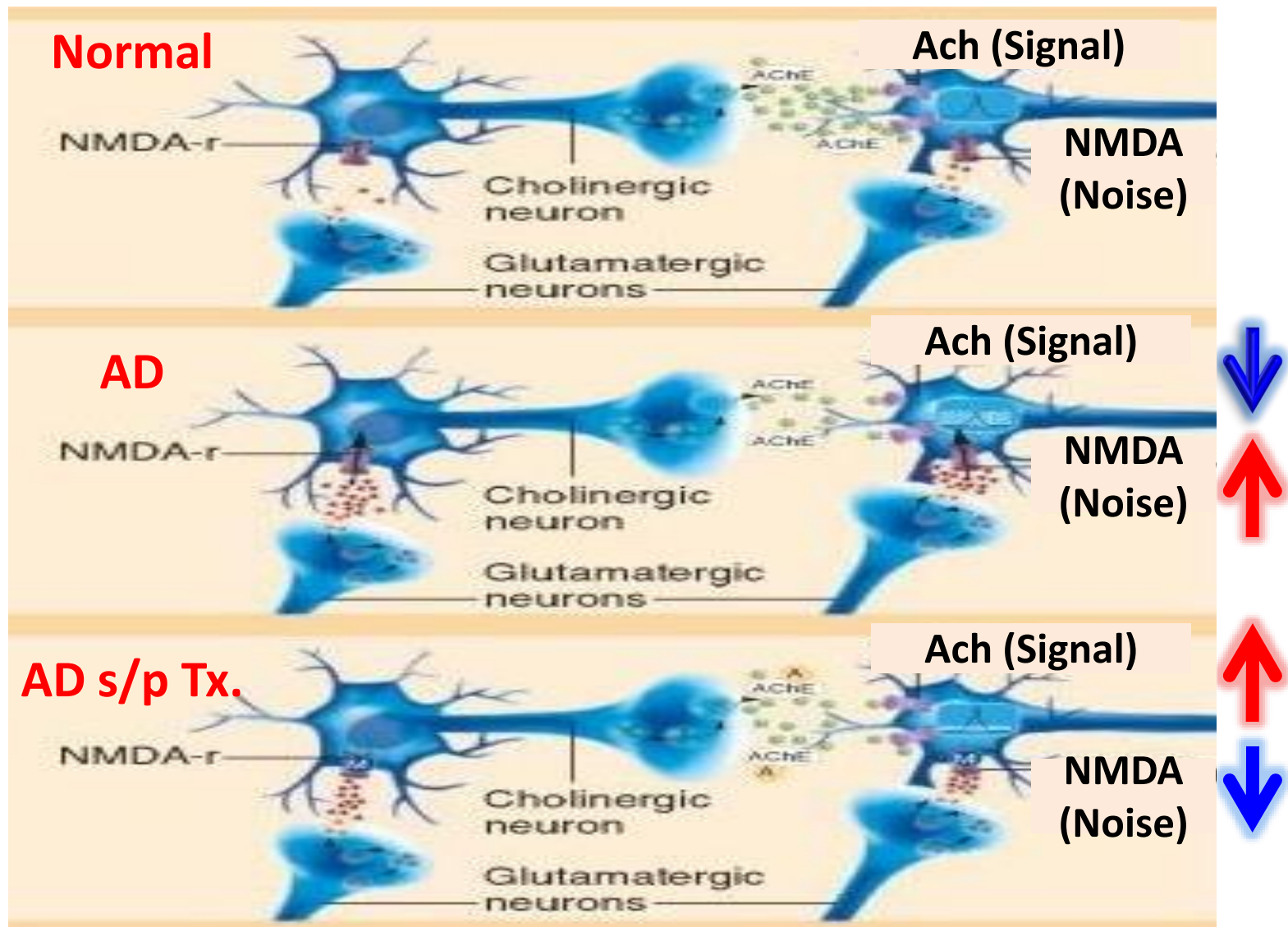
In hippocampus, neurofibrillary tangles, neuronal loss, and senile plaques primarily located in layer CA1, subiculum, and entorhinal cortex



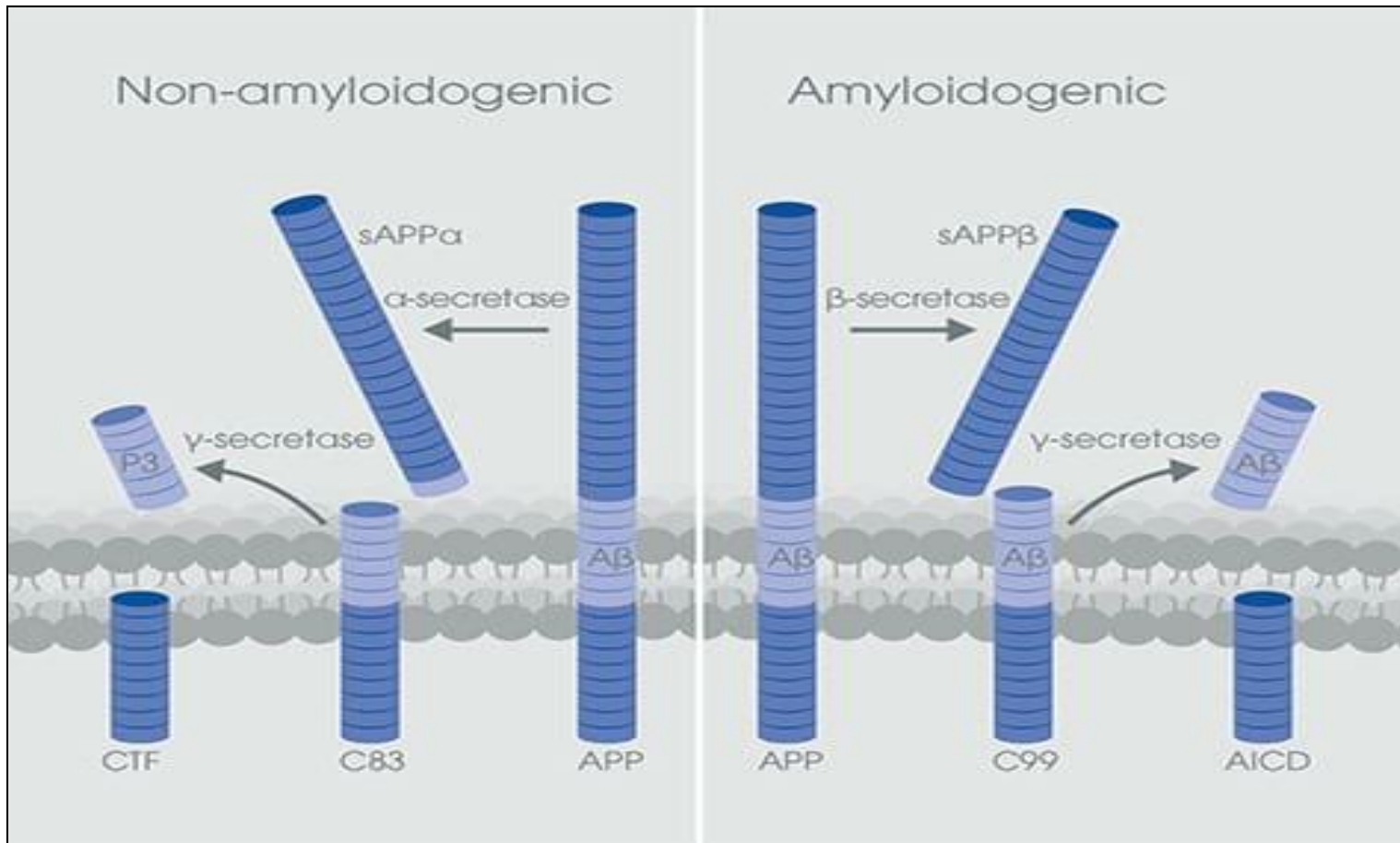
In association cortex, neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs) and synaptic and neuronal loss predominate in layer V. Senile plaques (SPs) occur in more superficial layers.

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# Pathogenesis: Neurotransmitter Viewpoints



# Pathology: Protein Synthesis Viewpoints



# Pathogenesis: Genetic Viewpoints

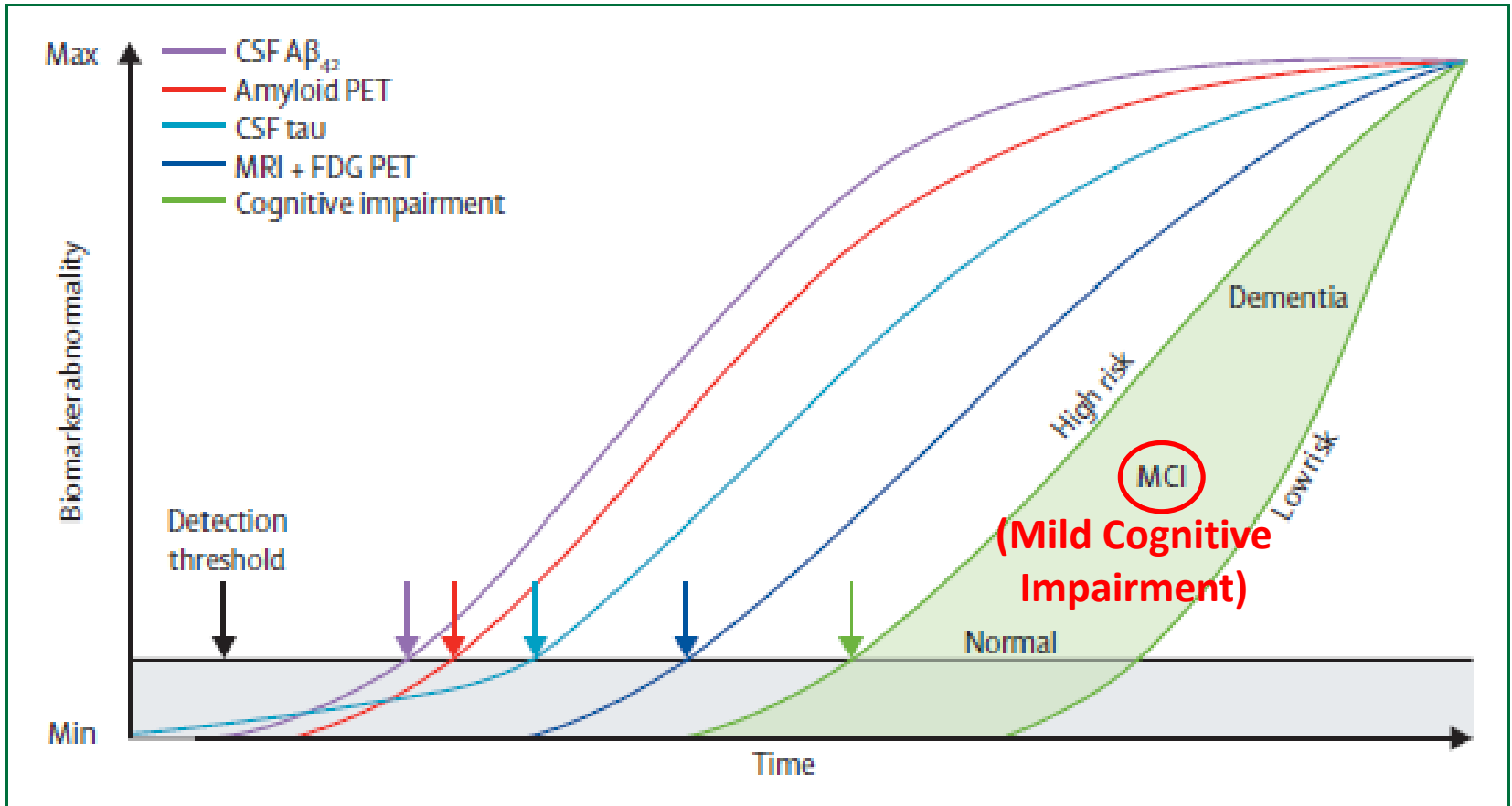
## Late-onset AD/Susceptibility gene

- APOE  $\epsilon$ 4 : Chr 19q; lipid transporter protein
  - Effect predominantly on age-of-onset
  - Homozygous: increased risk of developing AD at 85 y/o
  - Improper as “routine” diagnostic tool or risk assessment

## Early-onset/Familial AD: (<1~5% of overall AD)

- Amyloid precursor protein (APP): Chr 21q:  $\beta$ -amyloid protein
- Presenilin 1 (PS-1): Chr 14q:  $\gamma$ -secretase
- PS-2: Chr 1q:  $\gamma$ -secretase

# Hypothetical temporality of AD biomarkers



# NIAAA Criteria of AD



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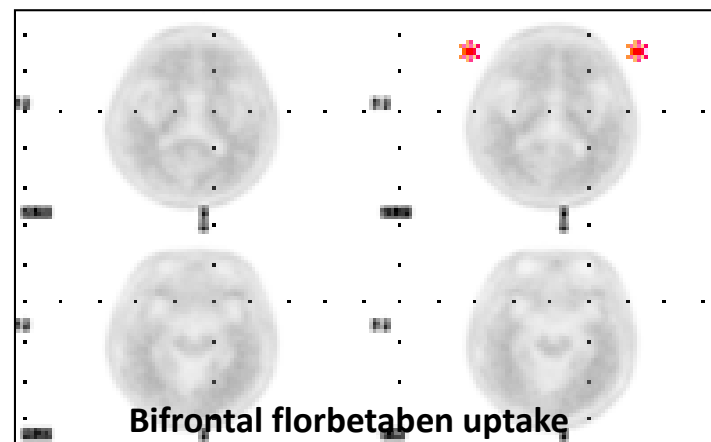
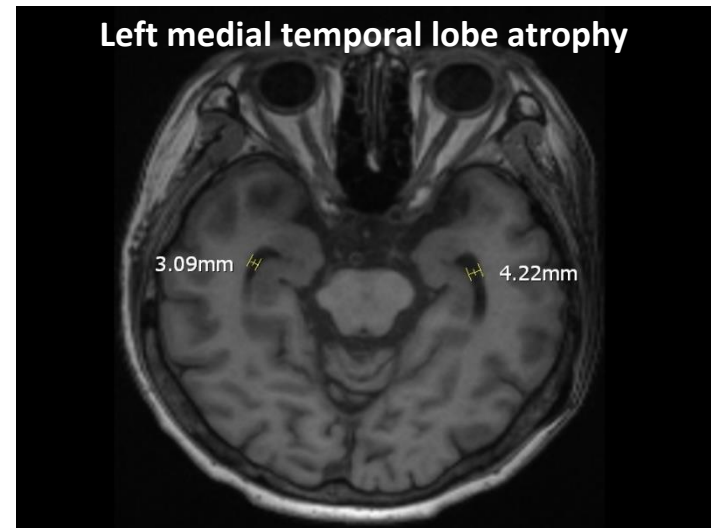
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- Reasons of revising NINCDS-ADRDA criteria
- Core clinical criteria for “all-cause dementia”
- Core clinical criteria for “AD”














# Current Confirmed Biomarkers in NIAAA criteria

- **MRI: medial temporal lobe atrophy** (through visual/parametric/volume assessment)
- **PET: amyloid plaque deposition** (e.g., **Florbetaben and Pittsburgh compound B**)
- **CSF: A $\beta$ 42 level**: inverse correlation with total A $\beta$  load in the brain; **tau** level positive correlation with the number of neocortical neurofibrillary tangles. **Phosphorylated tau** may increase diagnostic specificity.



# Incorporation of Biomarkers into Criteria of AD

AD dementia criteria incorporating biomarkers







Diagnostic category	Biomarker probability of AD etiology	A $\beta$ (PET or CSF)	Neuronal injury (CSF tau, FDG-PET, structural MRI)
<b>1</b> Probable AD dementia <b>Clinical Criteria</b>	Uninformative	Unavailable, conflicting, or indeterminate 	Unavailable, conflicting, or indeterminate 
	<b>Pathophysiological Process</b>	Intermediate Intermediate High	Positive Unavailable or indeterminate Positive
		Unavailable or indeterminate  Positive  Positive 	Positive  Unavailable or indeterminate  Positive 
<b>2</b> Possible AD dementia (atypical clinical presentation) <b>Clinical Criteria</b>	Uninformative	Unavailable, conflicting, or indeterminate 	Unavailable, conflicting, or indeterminate 
	<b>Pathophysiological Process</b>	High but does not rule out second etiology	Positive 
<b>3</b> Dementia-unlikely due to AD	Lowest	Negative	Negative

Abbreviations: AD, Alzheimer's disease; A $\beta$ , amyloid-beta; PET, positron emission tomography; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; FDG, <sup>18</sup>fluorodeoxyglucose; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.

# Vascular cognitive impairment (VCI)

- Classical phenotypes: early gait problems, impaired bladder/bowel control, and cognitive decline
- Close temporal relationship (< 3 months) with stroke might (but not always) be clarified.
- Diffuse cerebral vascular damages or strategic infarcts (angular gyrus, thalamus, basal forebrain, or PCA or ACA territories).

# Pathology of VCI

I	II	III	IV	V	VI
					
Large infarcts or cortical infarcts	Multiple small or lacunes	Strategic infarcts / lacunes	Hypoperfusive lesions, HS	Cerebral haemorrhages	CVD pathology with AD
LVD; atherosclerosis	SVD; micro-vascular changes	Embolic/ hypertensive disease	Cardiac arrest; MI	Different angiopathies	Stroke injury and ageing-related AD
Focal signs, stepwise progression	No or slight focal signs, insidious progression	Focal signs, stepwise progression	Absence of focal signs, insidious progression	Focal signs, stepwise progression	Absence of focal signs, insidious progression
MID or cortical VaD	SIVD	Strategic infarct dementia	VCI or VaD	VCI or dementia with CH	VaD with AD pathology

# NINDS-AIREN Diagnostic Criteria of VCI

## NINDS-AIREN criteria for probable vascular dementia

<b>The criteria for the clinical diagnosis of probable vascular dementia include all of the following:</b>
<b>Dementia</b>
Defined by cognitive decline from a previously higher level of functioning and manifested by impairment of <u>memory and of two or more cognitive domains</u> (orientation, attention, language, visuospatial functions, executive functions, motor control, and praxis), preferably established by clinical examination and documented by neuropsychological testing; deficits should be severe enough to <u>interfere with activities of daily living</u> not due to physical effects of stroke alone.
<b>Exclusion criteria:</b> Cases with disturbance of consciousness, delirium, psychosis, severe aphasia, or major sensorimotor impairment precluding neuropsychological testing. Also excluded are systemic disorders or other brain diseases (such as AD) that in and of themselves could account for deficits in memory and cognition.
<b>Cerebrovascular disease</b>
Defined by the presence of focal signs on neurologic examination, such as hemiparesis, lower facial weakness, Babinski sign, sensory deficit, hemianopia, and dysarthria consistent with stroke (with or without history of stroke), and evidence of relevant CVD by brain imaging (CT or MRI) including <u>multiple large vessel infarcts or a single strategically placed infarct (angular gyrus, thalamus, basal forebrain, or PCA or ACA territories)</u> , as well as multiple basal ganglia and white matter lacunes, or extensive periventricular white matter lesions, or combinations thereof.
<b>A relationship between the above two disorders</b>
Manifested or inferred by the presence of one or more of the following:
(a) Onset of dementia within <u>three months</u> following a recognized stroke;
(b) <u>Abrupt deterioration in cognitive functions; or fluctuating, stepwise progression of cognitive deficits.</u>

# A Useful Score to D/D AD from VCI

## Hachinski ischemic score

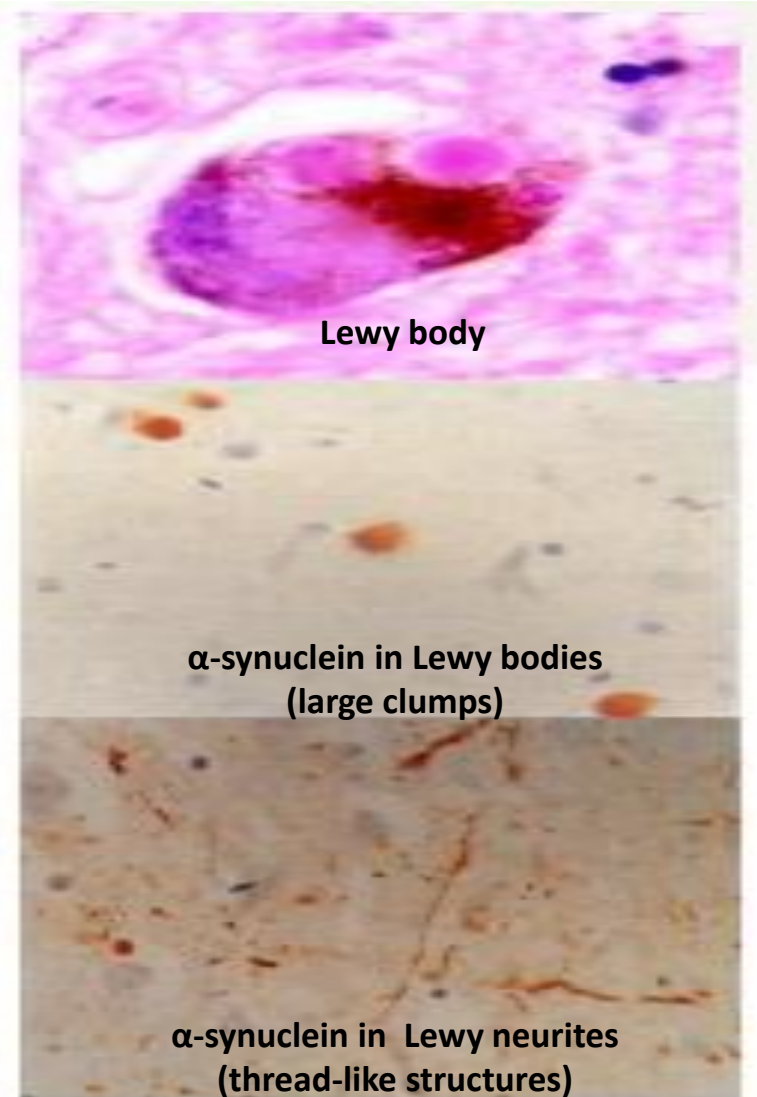
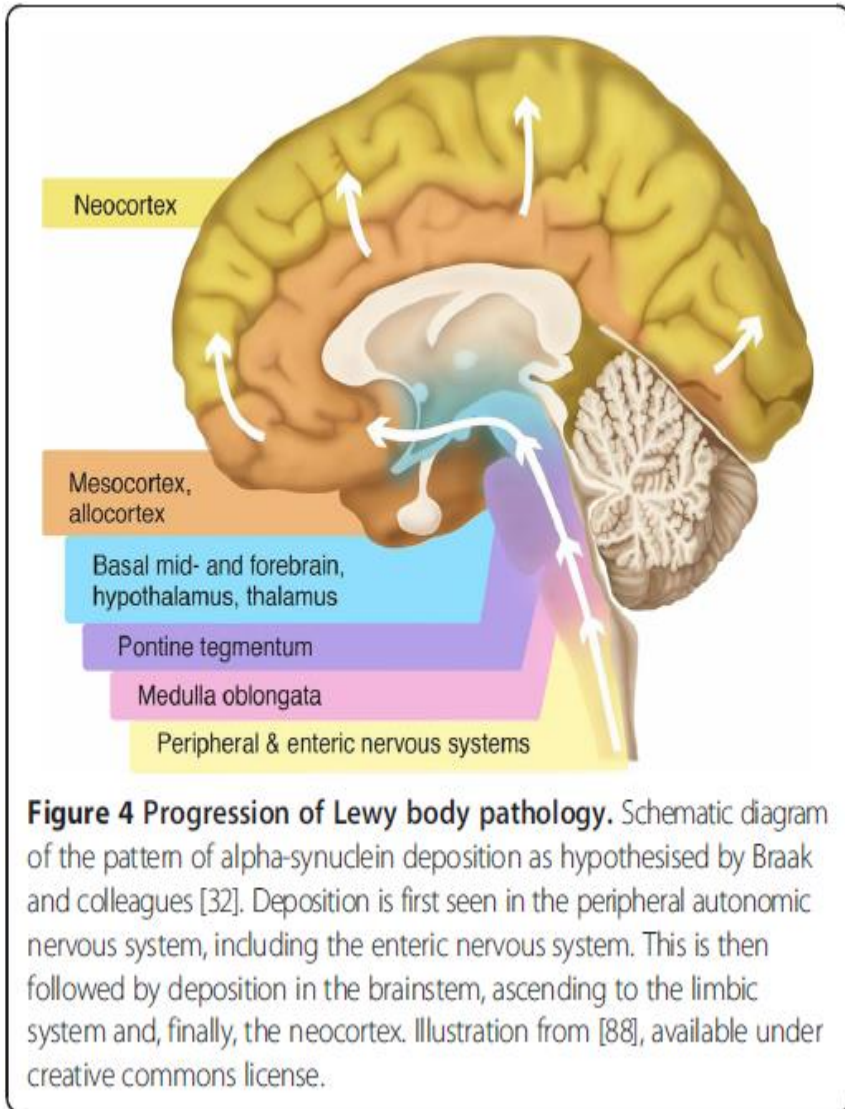
Feature	Value
Abrupt onset	2
Stepwise deterioration	1
Fluctuating course	2
Nocturnal confusion	1
Preservation of personality	1
Depression	1
Somatic complaints	1
Emotional incontinence	1
Hypertension	1
History of stroke	2
Associated atherosclerosis	1
Focal neurologic symptoms	2
Focal neurologic signs	2

A high score ( $\geq 7$ ) suggests vascular dementia, while a low score ( $\leq 4$ ) suggests Alzheimer disease.

# Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 2<sup>nd</sup>) leading cause of cognitive decline in late-life
- Incidence: 1/1,000/year general population
- A spectrum with similar pathology with PDD (and AD)
- Classical presentations: Fluctuation of cognitive and motor performances and vivid visual hallucinosis.

# Pathology of DLB





# Diagnostic Criteria of DLB

## Clinical and radiologic features of dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)

	Frequency in DLB (percent)*
<b>Central feature (essential for the diagnosis)*</b>	
Progressive cognitive decline, dementia	100
<b>Core features (two features essential for diagnosis of probable DLB, one for possible DLB)*</b>	
Fluctuating cognition	60-80
Recurrent well-formed, detailed visual hallucinations	50-75
Spontaneous features of parkinsonism	80-90
<b>Suggestive features (one suggestive feature with one core feature may diagnose probable DLB, one or more suggestive features may diagnose possible DLB)*</b>	
REM sleep disorder	85
Severe neuroleptic sensitivity	30-50
Low dopamine transporter uptake in basal ganglia on SPECT or PET	
<b>Supportive features (common features with undetermined diagnostic specificity)*</b>	
Repeated falls	33
Syncope or transient loss of consciousness	
Severe autonomic dysfunction	
Hallucinations in other modalities	20
Systematized delusions	55-75
Depression	30-40
Relative preservation of medial temporal lobe on MRI or CT	
Generalized low uptake on SPECT or PET perfusion imaging with reduced occipital activity	
Abnormal (low uptake) MIBG myocardial scintigraphy	
Prominent slow wave activity and temporal lobe transient sharp waves on EEG	
<b>Conflicting features (features which make DLB less likely)*</b>	
Cerebrovascular disease evidenced by focal neurologic signs or neuroimaging	
Other physical illness or brain disorder which is consistent with some or all of clinical features	
First appearance of parkinsonism at late stage (severe) dementia	
<b>Temporal sequence (feature which distinguishes DLB from Parkinson disease dementia)*</b>	
Dementia should occur before or concurrently with onset of parkinsonism	

\* References for frequency provided in text.

• Consensus criteria of the third report of the DLB consortium. McKeith IG, Dickson DW, Lowe J, et al. Diagnosis and management of dementia with Lewy bodies: third report of the DLB Consortium. Neurology 2005; 65:1863.

# Comparisons by Dementia Subtypes

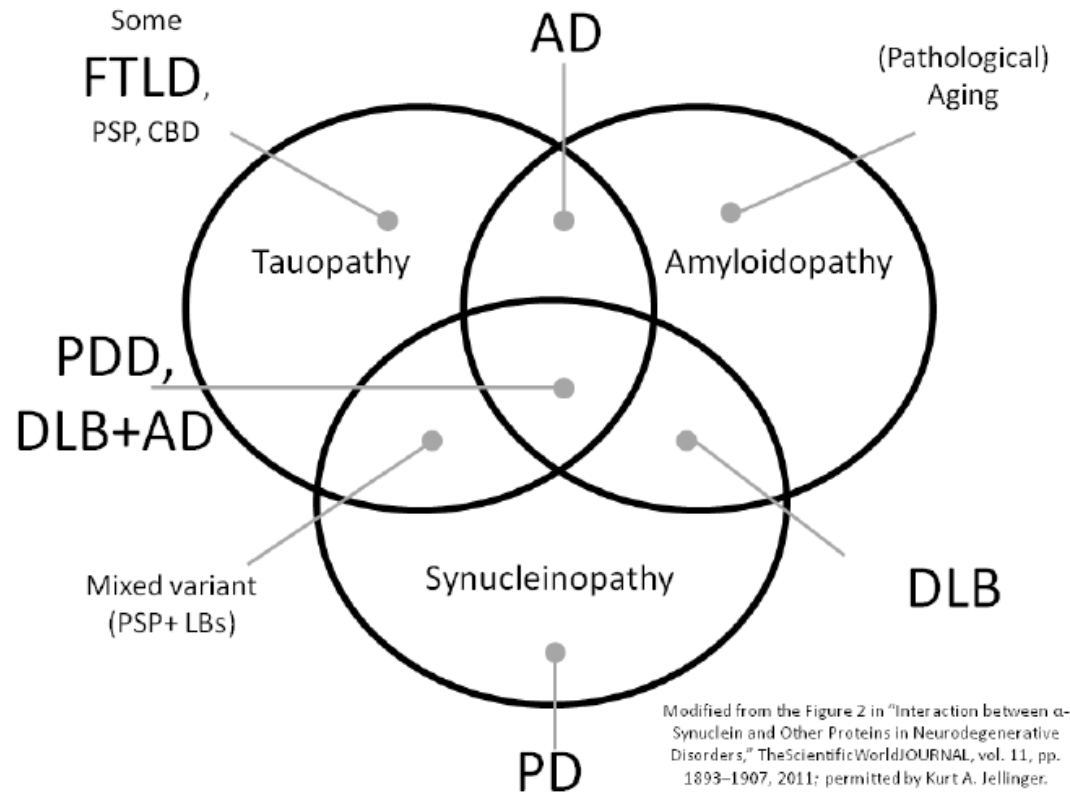
Dementia		Clinical Features	Biomarkers			Treatment
Category	Subtypes		Biochemical	Cognitive§	Imaging	
Primary	AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amnesic</li> <li>● Non-amnesic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CSF Aβ42↓tau↑</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Memory</li> <li>● Other cognitive domains</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MRI: MTL atrophy</li> <li>● PET/CT: Aβ deposition</li> <li>● SPECT/CT: T-P-O ↓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AchEI</li> <li>● Memantine</li> </ul>
	DLB	Dementia + <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fluctuating cognition</li> <li>● Recurrent visual hallucination</li> <li>● Spontaneous parkinsonism</li> </ul>	(Undetermined)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attention</li> <li>● Visuospatial</li> <li>● Executive function</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MRI: Aging brain with relatively preserved MTL</li> <li>● SPECT/CT: BG↓O↓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AchEI</li> <li>● L-dopa</li> </ul>
	FTLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speech disturbance, or</li> <li>● Behavior/personality changes, or both</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Language</li> <li>● Social Cognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MRI: F-T atrophy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Symptomatic treatment</li> </ul>
Secondary	VCI	Cognitive complaints +/- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Early gait problems/falls</li> <li>● Early incontinence</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Executive function</li> <li>● Attention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Single-/Multi-infarcts</li> <li>● Macro-/Micro-hemorrhage</li> <li>● WMHs</li> <li>● Vasculopathy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CVA risk reduction</li> <li>● AchEI (?)</li> <li>● Memantine (?)</li> </ul>

§Cognitive profiles in each dementia subtypes are those domains that are classically affected, yet not strictly confined to.

The most-validated treatment for AD is (i) AChEIs including donepezil, rivastigmine, and galantamine, and (ii) memantine as a N-Methyl-D-aspartate receptor antagonist. Benefits of AChEIs and memantine in DLB and VCI cases are less concretized. AChEIs: Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors; AD: Alzheimer's disease; BG: Basal Ganglia; CVA: Cerebrovascular Accident; DLB: Dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLD: Frontotemporal Lobar Degeneration; F: Frontal; MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging; MTL: Medial Temporal Lobe; O:Occipital; P: Parietal; Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography; PET/CT; Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography/Computed Tomography, SPECT/CT; T: Temporal; VCI: Vascular Cognitive Impairment; WMHs: White Matter Hyperintensities.

《表四》失智症臨床特徵、生物標記、暨對應藥物治療整理

# Comparisons by Proteinopathies



《圖三》常見神經退化性疾病與病理機轉

AD: 阿茲海默症；CBD: 皮質基底核退化；DLB: 路易士體失智症；FTLD: 額顳葉失智症；

PD: 帕金森病；PDD: 帕金森合併失智症；PSP: 進行性核上麻痺症；LBs: 路易士體。

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