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Loss of cognitive function in the elderly population is a common condition encountered in general medical practice. Diagnostic criteria and approaches have become more refined and explicit in the past several years. Precise diagnosis is feasible clinically. In this article, the precursor state and major subtypes of dementia are considered. *Mild cognitive impairment* is the term given to patients with cognitive impairment that is detectable by clinical criteria but does not produce impairment in daily functioning. When daily functioning is impaired as a result of cognitive decline, *dementia* is the appropriate syndromic label. Specific causes of dementia tend to have distinctive clinical presentations: the anterograde amnesic syndrome of Alzheimer disease; the syndrome of dementia with cerebrovascular disease; the syndrome of Lewy body dementia with its distinctive constellation of extrapyramidal features, disordered arousal, and dementia; the behavioral/cognitive syndrome of frontotemporal dementia; the primary progressive

behavioral-cognitive syndrome or frontotemporal dementia; the primary progressive aphasia; and the rapidly progressive dementias. Because dementia syndromes have distinctive natural histories, precise diagnosis leads to a better understanding of prognosis. As new treatments become available for Alzheimer disease, the most common of the dementias, accurate diagnosis allows the appropriate patients to receive treatment.



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AD, Alzheimer disease; APOE, apolipoprotein E; CBD, corticobasal degeneration; CJD, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; CT, computed tomography; DCVD, dementia with cerebrovascular disease; DLB, dementia with Lewy bodies; DSM-III-R, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Revised Third Edition; DSM-IV, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition; EEG, electroencephalography; FTD, frontotemporal dementia; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MMSE, Mini-Mental State Examination; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; NAIM, nonvasculitic autoimmune inflammatory meningoencephalopathies; NINCDS-ADRDA, National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association; PET, positron emission tomography; PPA, primary progressive aphasia; PSP, progressive supranuclear palsy; REM, rapid eye movement; SPECT, single-photon emission CT; STMS, Short Test of Mental Status; VaD, vascular dementia; WMH, white matter hyperintensities

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