



World Alzheimer's Day

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- Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disorder that causes brain cells to waste away (degenerate) and die.
- Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, representing up to 60% of dementia cases
- Alzheimer disease usually affects people older than 65.



Memory loss is the key symptom of Alzheimer's disease, continuous decline in thinking, behavioural and social skills that disrupts a person's ability to function independently



Memory loss



Difficulty in thinking and reasoning



Decline in making judgments and decisions



Difficulty in planning and performing familiar tasks



Changes in personality and behaviour





- 1. History, physical and neurological exam
- 2. Lab tests
- 3. Mental and neuropsychological testing
- 4. Brain imaging

Management

Alzheimer's disease is not a preventable condition. However, according to some studies, a number of lifestyle risks can be modified & thinking skills could be preserved by:

- 1. Physical exercise
- 2. Mental exercise
- 3. Social engagement
- 4. Healthy nutrition
- The management of Alzheimer's disease requires a multidisciplinary approach which includes the family, medical and social component.
- The disease is a progressive disease and therefore starting the treatment early will delay the progression.