

# Signs and Symptoms of Dementia

Dementia is a progressive disease, which means that the signs of dementia start out slowly and gradually get worse with time. Though symptoms of dementia can vary greatly from person to person, some early symptoms of dementia can include:

## Memory loss:

This is often one of the earliest and most noticeable signs of dementia. People with dementia may have difficulty remembering recent events or conversations, or they may forget the names of familiar people or objects.

## Difficulty with language:

People with dementia may struggle to find the right words or have difficulty understanding what others are saying.

## Disorientation:

Dementia can cause confusion about time, place, or the identity of people and objects.

## Reasoning:

Dementia can cause changes in ability to make judgments or problem solve.

## Vision:

Changes beyond typical age-related changes to vision can occur.

## Changes in mood or behavior:

Dementia can lead to changes in mood, such as irritability or apathy, and it can also cause changes in behavior, such as a loss of interest in activities or an increase in agitation.

## Difficulty with daily activities:

People with dementia may have trouble with tasks that require planning, decision-making, or organization, such as managing finances or preparing meals.

## Attention:

It can become difficult to focus or keep attention on one thing when someone has dementia.

## Common signs your loved one may have dementia include:

- Getting lost in a familiar neighborhood or area.
- Difficulty speaking, writing or recalling words that were not issues previously.
- Using unusual words to refer to familiar objects.
- Forgetting the name of a close family member or friend.
- Not being able to complete tasks of daily living independently.
- Losing interest in favorite activities or hobbies.
- Struggling to manage finances.
- Losing track of time or missing appointments.
- Repeating questions and phrases.
- Difficulty caring for a pet.
- Agitation or stress or a change in overall mood.
- Withdrawal from family and friends.



For more information on dementia and how CorsoCare can support you, call us at 248-438-8535.