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<b>Introduction</b>
<p>Cognitive disorders are problems with learning, memory, problem-solving and perceiving the world around us. Cognitive disorders are often progressive, degenerative disorders of the brain tissue from a number of contributing diseases.</p> <p>Cognitive disorders include most common causes of dementia. The progressive decline of intellectual functions such as memory, judgment, speech, visual/spatial perception, along with personality changes result in losses of the ability to carry out the simplest of day-to-day tasks.</p> <p>Cognitive disorders are not a direct part of the aging process although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age and/or the result of various other processes such as head injury.</p> <p>Current cognitive care program treatments cannot stop the overall progression of this impairment but early accurate diagnosis from screening and treatments may temporarily slow the worsening of these various symptoms with the immediate focus on improved quality of life for those within cognitive care program and their caregivers.</p>
<b>Resources and references</b>
<p>Current Guideline for Cognitive Care Program Disease Management; California Workgroup on Guidelines for Cognitive Care Program Disease Management, Final Report 2008 <a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/alzheimers/Documents/professional_GuidelineFullReport.pdf">http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/alzheimers/Documents/professional_GuidelineFullReport.pdf</a></p> <p>Current Diagnostic Criteria and Guidelines for Cognitive Care Program Disease <a href="http://www.alz.org/research/diagnostic_criteria/overview.asp">http://www.alz.org/research/diagnostic_criteria/overview.asp</a></p>

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