

Dementia: Making the Diagnosis

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Target Audience

This activity is intended for physicians, physician assistants/associates, nurses, social workers, and other healthcare professionals who care for patients with dementia.

Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Define the diagnostic criteria for dementia or major neurocognitive disorder based on the DSM-5
2. Identify elements of a complete cognitive evaluation, including the history, reviewing comorbidities, evaluating medications, and collecting objective data
3. Apply a framework for disclosing a diagnosis of dementia
4. Describe how to address common challenges in diagnosis

Faculty

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Program Agenda

- General Logistics
- Learning!
 1. Overview of diagnostic criteria for dementia
 2. Learn the components of a comprehensive dementia evaluation
 3. Explore strategies for diagnosing and disclosing dementia
 4. Apply diagnostic principles through a dementia case study
- Complete course evaluation and claim CE

Fee Information

There is no fee for this educational activity.

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Instructions for Credit

To receive CE credit, learners must follow these steps:

1. Review the objectives and disclosures
2. Study the educational content
3. Visit [Dementiacareaware.org](https://dementiacareaware.org) and sign in to the LMS to access and register for the course
4. Complete the activity evaluation

Computer system hardware/software requirements

A computer with an internet connection. Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 7.x or higher, Firefox 4.x or higher, Safari 2.x or higher, or any other W3C standards compliant browser. Other additional software may be required such as PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat Reader.

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