

Dementia and Memory Care at Home

Why VNA of Ohio Dementia and Memory Care?

The U.S. population of adults ages 65 and older is expected to nearly double by 2050. As the population ages, their risk for developing dementia or Alzheimer's increases.

Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio has been preparing for years to help doctors, hospitals and health organizations meet the challenges of caring for this population. As one of the largest home healthcare providers in the state to offer behavioral health services in the home, we understand the challenges of this debilitating disease. Wherever your patient calls home, VNA of Ohio's multiple disciplinary team will be there to provide a seamless continuum of care.

What Makes Us Different?

Our approach is truly interdisciplinary. We have the staff and experience to treat the medical/surgical, behavioral, physical and living environment concerns for each individual patient.*

Medical & Surgical	Physical Function
<p>Symptoms and Diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Registered Nurse<ul style="list-style-type: none">Medication management and administration; provide disease and symptom managementRN collaborates with MD to review/update medications as needed	<p>Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Occupational Therapist: instruction and management of self care, including meal prep, bathing, dressing, scheduled toileting and medication management.Physical Therapist: improving physical strength and endurance, safe functional mobility
Behavioral	Living Environment
<p>Cognition, Emotions, Coping & Behavioral Symptoms, Patient Preferences (Advance Directives)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Speech Therapist: teach cognitive/memory strategies, safe swallow techniquesOccupational Therapist: provide structure/routine, psychosocial interventions and correct sensory deficitsBehavioral Nurse will assess for behavioral disturbances and determine appropriate interventions.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Disruptions in routineCaregiver changesOverstimulationUnder stimulationRelationships	<p>Home, Adaptations, Community, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Physical/Occupational Therapist:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Home safety assessment<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify needed modifications and make recommendationsSocial Worker:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Address family supports/coping, social interactions, etc.Link patients and families with important community resources and assist with financial issues, including health insurance and personal incomeAll:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assess caregiver strain/need for respiteSuggest counseling, offer supportCaregiver educationProvide referrals for Private Duty, HospiceVigilance for abuse, neglect, financial exploitation

* Assessment and treatment of patients could include any or all of the above, depending on the patient.

* Based on Siebens Domain Management Model (© Hilary Siebens, 2005)

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