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Dementia and the Emergency Department: the lived experience

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Introduction





Something about **FTD**

2 – 5 % of dementia is FTD

- Is progressive and irreversible
- Young Age of Onset (45 – 65 years old)
- Impact on Frontal and Temporal Lobes of brain
- Deals with behavior; problem solving; planning and control of emotions
- Symptoms: changes in personality and behavior, and difficulties with language



Three Main Types of FTD



Behavioural
Variant

Most common



Progressive
non-fluent
aphasia



Semantic
dementia



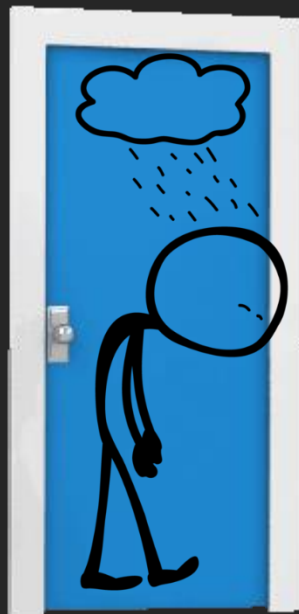
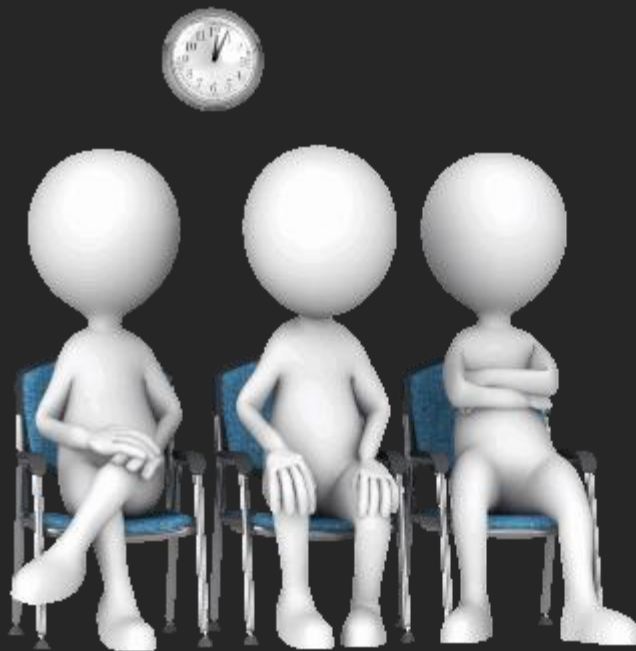
bvFTD & Me

- Has been changes in my personality and behavior
- I appear as selfish & uncaring
- Crave anything sweet
- Struggle with planning, organizing & making decisions
- Very sensitive to my environmental surroundings
- Can act in rash or impulsive behavior
- Can become physically aggressive

My Emergency Dept. Story



Emergency Dept. Environment



Meeting the Doctor





Reflections

1

Lack of education about dementia and its forms

2

Enough knowledge to maintain stigma types expectations

3

A general lack of professionalism

4

A great deal of environmental noise

Suggestions for Dementia Friendly ED



			Handout ear plugs
			Handout sunglasses
			Handout baseball caps
			TV – turn off sound or TV
			MP3's on loan



Thank You! Questions?