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Dementia: Many Faces bring Many Questions

Michigan Dementia Coalition – When someone is diagnosed with dementia they face many questions but the most often asked is, “what is it?” Dementia is formally known as a disease that develops into impairment of a person’s thinking that persists long enough and is severe enough to interfere with daily functioning.

“The pages viewed most often on our web site WorriedAboutMemoryLoss.com are the pages that showcase the Frequently Asked Questions.” said Dr. Suzann Ogland-Hand. “It is important that families understand dementia is the umbrella term used to cover many diagnoses and that early detection and diagnosis is critical for treatment and care.”

Dementia has many faces. Here are some different types of dementia:

- Alzheimer’s
- Cruetzfeldt-Jacob disease
- Frontotemporal
- Pick’s disease
- Huntington’s
- Lewy Body
- Parkinson’s
- Vascular
- And others

The majority of people with dementia have Alzheimer’s. An estimated 4.5 million Americans have the disease. The number of Americans with Alzheimer’s has more than doubled since 1980. ¹

The Michigan Dementia Coalition is the coordinator of a statewide public awareness campaign focusing on dementia and memory loss. WorriedAboutMemoryLoss.com is an education campaign showcasing the facts of memory loss and dementia and resources available in Michigan for patients and caregivers.

For more information online connect to www.WorriedAboutMemoryLoss.com or call 1-800-272-3900 for services in Michigan. For more information on the Michigan Dementia Coalition contact Micki Horst, Michigan Public Health Institute, at (517) 324-7318.

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¹ Hebert, LE; Scherr, PA; Bienias, JL; Bennett, DA; Evans, DA. “Alzheimer Disease in the U.S. Population: Prevalence Estimates Using the 2000 Census.” *Archives of Neurology* August 2003; 60 (8): 1119 – 1122.

