Symptoms Checker

How do you know when a loved one has Alzheimer's?

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Typically, memory problems are one of the first warning signs of cognitive loss.

But in addition to forgetfulness, someone with Alzheimer's disease may experience one or more of the following signs:

- Gets lost
- Has trouble handling money and paying bills
- Repeats questions
- Takes longer to complete normal daily tasks
- Displays poor judgment
- Loses things or misplaces them in odd places
- Displays mood and personality changes.

If you or someone you know has several or even most of the symptoms listed above, it doesn't mean that you're dealing with Alzheimer's disease. It is important to consult a health care provider when you or someone you know has concerns about memory loss, thinking skills or behavioral changes.

Some causes for symptoms, such as depression and drug interactions, are reversible. However, they can be serious and should be identified and treated by a health care provider as soon as possible.

The CDC advises that early and accurate diagnosis provides opportunities for you and your family to consider or review financial planning, develop advance directives, enroll in clinical trials and anticipate care needs.

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