



Dementia and Down Syndrome

It is widely accepted that people with _____ are more likely than the general population to develop Alzheimer's dementia as they a_____ .

- The diagnosis can be problematic in this population for a number of reasons:
 - the large intra-individual v_____ in c_____ functioning,
 - the different d_____ and m_____ procedures used in the field and
 - the difficulty in obtaining b_____ levels of cognitive functioning in this population with which to assess cognitive and behavioural change.
- Generally speaking, there is no single t_____ for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.
- Alzheimer's Disease is diagnosed through a process of e_____. A complete h_____ and p_____ examination is done.
- Early stage tends to be missed in Down Syndrome because:
 - old b_____ have a tendency to emerge
 - staff tend to focus on behaviours rather than the c_____
 - there may be difficulty in obtaining a good h_____ and
 - more difficult to get a_____ information from lower-functioning individuals
- Medical problems may manifest as b_____. Usual tests for diagnosis do not take into account existing d_____ .

Diagnostic Overshadowing

The presenting problem is assumed to be related to the person's i_____ d_____

OR

The presenting problem is assumed to be related to the person's a_____

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