



## Dementia

### Described

- The inability to think clearly
- The inability to think rationally
- The inability to think logically
- The inability to reason
- Dementia is a set of symptoms not a disease in itself
- Dementia can be either reversible or irreversible

### An Umbrella Term

- Dementia is not a disease in itself. It is an “umbrella” or categorical term that describes a group of symptoms and is not the name of a specific disease.
- Dementia can be reversible or irreversible.
- It is estimated that there are between 90 and 100 types of diseases that can cause dementia.

<b>Reversible Dementia</b>	<b>Irreversible Dementia</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Depression</li><li>• Delirium</li><li>• Drugs</li><li>• Nutritional Disorders</li><li>• Metabolic Disorder</li><li>• Infection (UTI, urinary tract infections)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Progressive disorders</li><li>• Vascular dementia</li><li>• Subcortical dementia</li><li>• Head trauma</li><li>• Infectious diseases</li></ul>

[Information Sheet No. 14 has a corresponding Challenge Sheet No. C14]