



## Stages of Support

### Support – Early Stage

**Primary impact is loss of communication skills:**

- Maintain routine and familiar environment
- Ensure safety considerations
- Simplify or modify task to enable independence and self esteem
- Optimize the person's sense of success

### Support – Middle Stage

**Primary impact is increased behaviours:**

- Use good communication skills
- Acknowledge and validate what the person is saying
- Modify ADLs to provide support while enabling independence
- Ensure safety
- Create facilitative environment
- Respond to behaviours through a person-centred care approach
- Provide for caregiver support

### Support – Late Stage

**By late stage will require full bed care. Long term care maybe most appropriate:**

- Meet the need for constant attention and supervision
- Ensure nutritional needs are met
- Attend to personal care, bladder and bowel incontinence, skin integrity
- Special consideration for caregiver support

[Information Sheet No. 21 has a corresponding Challenge Sheet No. C21]