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Studies

[Twenty-seven-year time trends in dementia incidence in Europe and the United States](#) The incidence rate of dementia in Europe and North America has declined by 13% per decade over the past 25 years, consistently across studies. Incidence is similar for men and women, although declines were somewhat more profound in men. These observations call for sustained efforts to finding the causes for this decline, as well as determining their validity in geographically and ethnically diverse populations.

[User Experience of Interactive Technologies for People with Dementia: Comparative Observational Study](#) The authors propose a set of guidelines that aim to help health professionals and engineers maximize user experience when using interactive technologies for the population with dementia.

Quality Standard

[Decision making and mental capacity](#) This quality standard covers decision making in people aged 16 and over, using health and social care services who may lack capacity to make their own decisions (now or in the future). It aims to support implementation of the aims and principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and relevant Codes of Practice. It is not a substitute for these.

Articles

[A Comprehensive Evaluation of the Process of Copying a Complex Figure in Early- and Late-Onset Alzheimer Disease: A Quantitative Analysis of Digital Pen Data](#) The digitalised complex figure test evaluated copying performance quantitatively and further elucidated the patients' ongoing process during copying. We believe that this novel approach can be used as a digital biomarker of AD.

[I need to be who I am: a qualitative interview study exploring the needs of people with dementia in Norway](#) Three main categories emerged from the interviews: (1) to stay connected; (2) to be active and participate; and (3) to live for the moment. The overarching theme was the need to be who I am.

Advice

[Keeping a person with dementia safe during hot weather](#) Due to communication difficulties a person with dementia may not be able to explain that they are dehydrated or feeling unwell because of the heat. It may also be harder for families to monitor for signs of heatstroke and dehydration and remind the person with dementia of the importance of drinking. For families living apart from a relative, you could consider using technology, such as alerts on smart devices, which can remind a person that they need to drink throughout the day.

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News

[Alzheimer's Society comment on how coronavirus is affecting dementia assessment and diagnosis](#)

There has been a significant decrease in dementia diagnosis rates, from 67.6 per cent in February 2020 to 63.5 per cent in June 2020. This means that more people with dementia are living without a diagnosis, unable to access emotional, practical, legal and financial advice, as well as vital support services and pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions.

[5 Takeaways from the 2020 Alzheimer's Association International Conference®](#)

More than 33,000 registered attendees from over 160 countries joined together virtually for [the Alzheimer's Association International Conference](#) (AAIC) — the world's largest and most influential international meeting dedicated to advancing dementia science. Here are five takeaways from the conference.

Booklet

[Knowledge is Power](#) Handy hints that might help make life a little easier after a dementia diagnosis.

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