

Dementia

Covid-19

[More restrictions eased for care homes](#) From Monday 17 May care home residents will be able to have more named visitors and more opportunities to make visits out with no need to self-isolate when they return.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for adult social care settings \(Updated 28 April\)](#) Outlines the COVID-19 testing available for testing staff, residents and visitors for all adult social care settings.

Consultation

[Consultation on indicators for antidepressant prescribing and dementia](#) We'd like your views on the proposals for general practice indicators on:

- Reviews for patients prescribed a new course of antidepressant medication or in receipt of long term antidepressant medication.
- Care planning and medication reviews for people with dementia.

Consultation closes on 25 May.

Cochrane Review

[Anticholinergic burden \(prognostic factor\) for prediction of dementia or cognitive decline in older adults with no known cognitive syndrome](#) This review found that there may be a link between anticholinergic medicine use and future risk of dementia. However, there are limitations in the published evidence, and could not conclude definitively if dementia is caused by the anticholinergic medicines themselves or by other factors.

Cochrane Clinical Answer

[What is the accuracy of spinal fluid ABeta42 for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease dementia?](#) Pooled estimates of sensitivity for Alzheimer's disease dementia were 79% versus non-Alzheimer's disease dementia or vascular dementia, 85% versus frontotemporal dementia, and 77% versus dementia with Lewy bodies. Pooled estimates of specificity for Alzheimer's disease dementia were 60% versus non-Alzheimer's disease dementia, 69% versus vascular dementia, 72% versus frontotemporal dementia, and 66% versus dementia with Lewy bodies.

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News

[How communities can fight the stigma that isolates people with dementia](#)

Research shows that experiencing stigma — defined as a mark of disgrace and humiliation — adds to feelings of social isolation, depression and abandonment among those with dementia. This stigma exists worldwide, and trying to educate people at remove from those with dementia has not proved effective at reducing it. One approach that might help diminish stigma is to build communities that are more welcoming and accepting to people with dementia.

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