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#### **Studies**

<u>Perceived social isolation is correlated with brain structure and cognitive trajectory in Alzheimer's disease</u>

This study demonstrates that loneliness may be a comorbid symptom in patients with SCD or MCI, making them potentially more vulnerable to the neuropathology of future AD progression. Specific assessments are needed to identify loneliness among clinical patients who are at high risk of AD.

# <u>Characteristics of people living with undiagnosed dementia: findings from the CFAS Wales study</u>

This study has clinical practice implications as the findings may help clinicians be more aware of characteristics and symptoms of people who are undiagnosed or who are at greater risk of remaining undiagnosed, enabling them to be more vigilant in picking up signs of dementia at an earlier stage.

### <u>Shared genetic links between frontotemporal dementia and psychiatric disorders</u>

This study's findings provide evidence of shared etiology between FTD and schizophrenia and indicate potential common molecular mechanisms contributing to the overlapping pathophysiological and clinical characteristics.

#### A Neuropsychological Approach to Mild Cognitive Impairment

The results provide strong support for the utility of neuropsychological CRs as a "gold standard" operational definition in the detection and classification of MCI in older adults.

# From dementia mindsets to emotions and behaviors: Predicting person-centered care in care professionals

This study extends knowledge on facilitators (positive emotional responses to care situations) and barriers (fixed dementia mindset) to person-centered care in care professionals working with persons with dementia.

# <u>Interprofessional collaboration in palliative dementia care through the eyes of informal caregivers</u>

Our study revealed that intrinsic and extrinsic factors and interprofessional collaboration among healthcare professionals affected informal caregivers' collaborative roles. In summary, our study showed that informal caregivers have important roles as team members in the continuity and quality of palliative care for persons with dementia.





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## **Scoping Review**

Assessment tools for measurement of dementia-friendliness of a community: A scoping review

Forty tools that assess DFC features (built environment, dementia awareness and attitudes, and community needs) were identified. None of the identified tools were deemed comprehensive enough for the assessment of community needs of people with dementia.

#### **News**

Non-stigmatising smart socks could be used to improve wellbeing of people with dementia

'Smart socks' that aim to reduce stigma by looking like an everyday item of clothing and track rising distress in the wearer could improve the wellbeing of millions of people with dementia, non-verbal autism and other conditions that affect communication.

### Increased funding for nursing in care homes

Rate paid to care homes for NHS funded nursing care has risen by 11.5% for 2022-23 with £87 million extra for 2021-22.

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