

## Communication in Alzheimer's disease

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#### Alzheimer's Association Publications

*Dementia Care Practice Recommendations*©.

Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association, 2018

[https://www.alz.org/professionals/professional-providers/dementia\\_care\\_practice\\_recommendations](https://www.alz.org/professionals/professional-providers/dementia_care_practice_recommendations)

*Dementia Care Practice Recommendations Phases 1 and 2*©.

Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association, 2005.

The Alzheimer's Association practice recommendations are supported by 23 social service and healthcare agencies.

[http://www.alz.org/national/documents/brochure\\_DCPRphases1n2.pdf](http://www.alz.org/national/documents/brochure_DCPRphases1n2.pdf)

*Alzheimer's disease study: communication gaps between primary care physicians and caregivers.*

Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association National Office, 2001.

<http://www.alz.org/national/documents/alzheimerreport.pdf>

*Communication: best ways to interact with the person with dementia.*

Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association National Office, 2005.

[http://www.alz.org/documents/national/Communications10\\_5.pdf](http://www.alz.org/documents/national/Communications10_5.pdf)

*Communication and Alzheimer's*

Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association National Office,

<https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/daily-care/communications>

*Diagnosis disclosure*

Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association National Office,

<https://www.alz.org/media/Documents/diagnosis-disclosure-statement.pdf>

## **General**

### **Article**

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*Mater Sociomed.* Oct 2018; vol. 30(3), pp. 221-224.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6195406/pdf/MSM-30-221.pdf>

Green-Field Library does not own.

### **Book and Book Chapter**

Problems with speech and communication. IN: Mace, Nancy L.; Rabins, P.V. *The 36-hour day: a family guide to caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease, related dementing illnesses, and memory loss in later life*, 4th edition. pp. 32-38.

Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006. ISBN: 0801885094.

Green-Field Library Call No.: WM 220 M33 2006

Sabat, SR. *The experience of Alzheimer's disease: life through a tangled veil*.  
Malden, MA; Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishers Ltd; Blackwell Publishers Inc., 2001.  
Green-Field Library Call Number: WM 220 S113 2001

## Web Resource

*Alzheimer's caregiving: changes in communication skills*.

Bethesda MD: National Institute on Aging

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/alzheimers-caregiving-changes-communication-skills>

*Communicating with a person with dementia: tips and strategies*.

Vancouver, BC: Alzheimer Society of BC Provincial Office,

[Download here.](#)

## Caregiving Strategies

### Articles, Journal

Alsawy, S.; Mansell, W.; McEvoy, P.; et al. What is good communication for people living with dementia? A mixed-methods systematic review. *International Psychogeriatrics*. Nov 2017; vol. 29(11), pp. 1785-1800.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28756788>

Green-Field Library owns.

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Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30803272>

Green-Field Library owns.

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Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=30244688>

Green-Field Library owns.

Dougherty, J. Effective communication strategies to help patients and caregivers cope with moderate-to-severe Alzheimer's disease. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. Mar 2015; vol. 76(3), p. e9.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25830469>

Green-Field Library does not own.

Ford, B.; Snow, A.; Herr, K.; et al. Ethnic differences in nonverbal pain behaviors observed in older adults with dementia. *Pain Management Nursing: Official Journal of the American Society of Pain Management Nurses*. Oct 2015; vol. 16(5), pp. 692-700.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4815256/pdf/nihms689504.pdf>

Green-Field Library does not own.

Hansen, A.; Hauge, S.; Bergland, A. Balancing the use of language to enable care: a qualitative study of oral and written language used in assessments and allocations of community healthcare services for persons with dementia. *BMC Health Services Research*. Aug 2016; vol. 16(1), p. 391.

Full-text:

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4988005/pdf/12913\\_2016\\_Article\\_1659.pdf](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4988005/pdf/12913_2016_Article_1659.pdf)

Green-Field Library does not own.

How to effectively communicate with your Alzheimer's elders. *Nurse Aide-VIP*. Jun 2018; vol. 30(6), pp. 2-8.

<http://www.store4caregivers.com/p/021OS.html>

Green-Field Library owns.

Judd, M. Communication strategies for patients with dementia. *Nursing*. Dec 2017; vol. 47(12), pp. 58-61.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29189462>

Green-Field Library does not own

Kilmova, B.; Maresova, P; Valis, M.; et al. Alzheimer's disease and language impairments: social intervention and medical treatment. *Clinical Interventions in Aging*. Aug 2017; vol. 10, pp. 1401-1407.

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Green-Field Library does not own.

Machiels, M.; Metzelthin, S.; Hamers, J.; et al. Interventions to improve communication between people with dementia and nursing staff during daily nursing care: a systematic review. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*. Jan 2017; vol. 66, pp. 37-46.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27951433>

Green-Field Library does not own.

Nieuwboer, M.; Perry, M.; van der Sande, R.; et al. Identification of influencing factors and strategies to improve communication between general practitioners and community nurse: a qualitative focus group study. *Family Practice*. Sep 2018; vol. 35(5), pp. 619-625.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29529183>

Green-Field Library does not own.

Vachon, M.; Veilleux, M.; Macoir, J. Promoting the maintenance of satisfactory communication: strategies used by caregivers and medical staff with people suffering from Alzheimer's disease. *Gériatrie et Psychologie Neuropsychiatrie du Vieillessement*. Jun 2017; vol. 15(2), pp. 185-195.

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Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28641992>

Green-Field Library does not own.

## **Books and Book Chapters**

*Alzheimer's mystery.*

Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2003.

1 DVD (48 min.)

Green-Field Library Call No.: WM 220 DVD no.101 2003

Feil, N. *The validation breakthrough: simple techniques for communicating with people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.*

Baltimore, MD: Health Professions Press, 2012

Green-Field Library Call No: WM 220 F297 2012

Marshall, K. *A creative toolkit for communication in dementia care.*  
Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2015  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 450 M367 2016

McCarthy, B. *Hearing the person with dementia: a person-centered approaches to communication for families and caregivers.*  
Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2011  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 220 M123 2011

Norris, K.; Brush, J. *Creative connections in dementia care: engaging activities to enhance communication.*  
Baltimore, MD: Health Professions Press, Inc., 2015  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 450 N856 2015

Thompson, P. *Alzheimer's and the workplace: a communication guide for anyone who encounters Alzheimer's.*  
Rochester, NY: St. Colman Press, 2005.  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 220 K34 2018

## **Videos & DVD**

*Improving communications in dementia care.*  
2 DVD (300 min)  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 220 DVD no.259 2016

*Introduction to validation: communicating with very old people diagnosed with Alzheimer's-type dementia.*  
Jasper, OR: Edward Feil Productions LLC, 2011.  
1 DVD (24 min)  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 220 DVD no.149 2011

*More than words: a new culture of care and communication with persons who have dementia.*  
Chicago, IL: Terra Nova Films, 2011.  
1 DVD (25 min)  
Green-Field Library Call No: WM 220 DVD no.123 2011

## Web Resources

*10 communication tips for caregivers* [free ebook]

Milwaukee, WI: CPI

<http://educate.crisisprevention.com/Communication-Tips-for-Serving-Individuals-With-Dementia.html?code=BLIT01DCSE&src=Blog>

*Communicating with impaired elderly persons.*

Islip, NY: ElderCare Online.

<http://www.ec-online.net/Knowledge/Articles/communication.html>

*Do's and don'ts of communicating with aging parents.*

Islip, NY: ElderCare Online.

<http://www.ec-online.net/Knowledge/Articles/dosndonts.html>

*Hearing and older people.*

Islip, NY: ElderCare Online.

<http://www.ec-online.net/Knowledge/Articles/hearing.html>

## Clinical Research

### Articles, Journal

Berastegui, C.; Monfort, E.; Boudin, B. Vocally disruptive behaviors management in older people with dementia. *Gériatrie et psychologie neuropsychiatrie du vieillissement*. Mar 2017; vol. 15(1), pp. 35-46.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28266338>

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Gilmore-Bykovskiy, A.; Roberts, T.; King, B.; et al. Transitions from hospitals to skilled nursing facilities for persons with dementia: a challenging convergence of patient and system-level needs. *The Gerontologist*. Oct 2017; vol. 57(5), pp. 867-879.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5634404/>

Green-Field Library owns.

Krein, L. The assessment of language and communication in dementia: a synthesis of evidence. *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. Apr 2019; vol. 27(4), pp. 363-377.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=30581140>

Green-Field Library owns.

Lautenbacher, S.; Kunz, M. Facial pain expression in dementia: a review of the experimental and clinical evidence. *Current Alzheimer Research*. 2017; vol. 14(5), pp. 501-505.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27335044>

Green-Field Library owns.

Mamo, S.; Reed, N.; Price, C.; et al. Hearing loss treatment in older adults with cognitive impairment: a systematic review. *Journal of Speech, Language, & Hearing Research*. Oct 2018; vol. 61(10), pp. 2589-2603.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6428235/>

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Mueller, K.; Hermann, B.; Mecollari, J.; et al. Connected speech and language in mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease: a review of picture description tasks. *Journal of Clinical & Experimental Neuropsychology*. Nov 2018; vol. 40(9), pp. 917-939.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=29669461>

Green-Field Library does not own.

Savundranayagam, M.; Moore-Nielsen, K. Language-based communication strategies that support person-centered communication with persons with dementia. *International Psychogeriatrics*. Oct 2015; vol. 27(10), pp. 1707-1718.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26334515>

Green-Field Library owns.

Small, J.; Chan, S.; Drance, E.; et al. Verbal and nonverbal indicators of quality of communication between care staff and residents in ethnoculturally and linguistically diverse long-term care settings. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. Sep 2015; vol. 30(3), pp. 285-304.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26260486>

Green-Field Library owns.

Stanyon, M.; Griffiths, A.; Thomas, S.; et al. The facilitators of communication with people with dementia in a care setting: an interview study with healthcare workers. *Age and Ageing*. Jan 2016; vol. 45(1), pp. 164-170.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4711655/>

Green-Field Library does not own.



## Web Resource

*Communication difficulties: assessment and interventions in hospitalized older adults with dementia.*

Greenberg, SA; Coyne, R; New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing, 2019  
<https://consultgeri.org/try-this/dementia/issue-d7.pdf>

*Dementia communication difficulties scale.*

York, UK: Talking Mats Ltd, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Publication can be provided in other formats, such as large print, Braille and audio.

Please contact: Communications, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, The Homestead, 40 Water End, York YO30 6WP. Tel: 01904 615905. Email: [info@jrf.org.uk](mailto:info@jrf.org.uk)

<https://www.talkingmats.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Dementia-CDS-v2.pdf>

## Communication about the Diagnosis

For a report on communication between physicians and caregivers and fact sheets on truth telling in diagnosis, see various publications under the heading Alzheimer's Association Publications.

## Articles, Journal

Bemelmans, S.; Tromp, K.; Bunnik, E.; et al. Psychological, behavioral and social effects of disclosing Alzheimer's disease biomarkers to research participants: a systematic review. *Alzheimer's Research & Therapy*. Nov 2016; vol. 8(1), p. 46.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5103503/>

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Milby, E.; Murphy, G.; Winthrop, A. Diagnosis disclosure in dementia; understanding the experiences of clinicians and patients who have recently given or received a diagnosis. *Dementia (London)*. Jul 2017; vol. 16(5), pp. 611-628.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26493235>

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Stevenson, M.; McDowell, M.; Taylor, B. Concepts for communication about risk in dementia care: a review of the literature. *Dementia (London)*. Apr 2018; vol. 17(3), pp. 359-390.

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## Web Resource

*Truth telling and withholding information.*

Seattle, WA: University of Washington School of Medicine.

<http://depts.washington.edu/bioethx/topics/truth.html>

## Training

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Conway, E.; Chenery, H. Evaluating the MESSAGE communication strategies in dementia training for use with community-based aged care staff working with people with dementia: a controlled pretest-post-test study. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. Apr 2016; vol. 25(7-8), pp. 1145-1155.

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Dooley, J.; Bailey, C.; McCabe, R. Communication in healthcare interactions in dementia: a systematic review of observational studies. *International Psychogeriatrics*. Aug 2015; vol. 27(8), pp. 1277-1300.

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Jh Ö, L. Citizenship as practice: handling communication problems in encounters between persons with dementia and social workers. *Dementia (London)*. Nov 2016; vol. 15(6), pp. 1457-1473.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25525075>

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Kokorelias, K.; Ryan, E.; Elliot, G. Innovative practice: Conversational use of English in bilingual adults with dementia. *Dementia (London)*. Feb 2017; vol. 16(2), pp. 233-242.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26920346>

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Kolanowski, A.; Van Haitsma, K.; Penrod, J.; et al. "Wish we would have known that!" Communication breakdown impedes person-centered care. *The Gerontologist*. Jun 2015; vol. 55(Suppl 1), pp. S50-60.

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Morris, L.; Horne, M.; McEvoy, P.; et al. Communication training interventions for family and professional carers of people living with dementia: a systematic review of effectiveness, acceptability and conceptual basis. *Aging & Mental Health*. Jul 2018; vol. 22(7), pp. 863-880.

Full-text: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29125324>

Green-Field Library owns.

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Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29407268>

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Nguyen, H.; Terry, D.; Phan, H.; et al. Communication training and its effects on carer and care-receiver outcomes in dementia settings: a systematic review. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. Apr 2019; vol. 28(7-8), pp. 1050-1069.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30357952>

Green-Field Library owns.

Nichols, P.; Homer, B.; Fyfe, K. Understanding and improving communication processes in an increasingly multicultural aged care workforce. *Journal of Aging Studies*. Jan 2015; vol. 32, pp. 23-31.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25661853>

Green-Field Library owns.

O'Rourke, A.; Power, E.; O'Halloran, R.; et al. Common and distinct components of communication partner training programmes in stroke, traumatic brain injury and dementia. *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders*. Nov 2018; vol. 53(6), pp. 1150-1168.

Abstract: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30295014>

Green-Field Library does not own.

Randall, E.; Clissett, P. What are the relative merits of interventions used to reduce the occurrences of disruptive vocalization in persons with dementia? A systematic review. *International Journal of Older People Nursing*. Mar 2016; vol. 11(1), pp. 4-17.

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## Videos & DVD

*Accepting the challenge: providing the best care for people with dementia.*

Raleigh, NC; Baltimore, MD: Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; Health Promotions Press, 2003.

1 DVD (3 hrs.)

An interactive classroom lecture in 4 modules demonstrates the physical approach and communication skills for dementia care in Module 2.

Green-Field Library Call No.: WY 160 DVD no.9 2003

*Better ways to communicate: a guide for CAN staff. Part 1; mildstage.*

Chicago, IL: Terra Nova Films, 2007.

1 DVD (30 min.)

Green-Field Library Call No.: WY 152 DVD no.90 2007

*Better ways to communicate: a guide for CNA staff. Part 2: moderate stage.*

Chicago, IL. : Terra Nova Films, 2007.

1 DVD (30 min.)

Green-Field Library Call No.: WY 152 DVD no.91 2007

*“Bob, I’m really busy”: the impact of impersonal care on the well-being of persons living with dementia.*

Chicago, IL : Terra Nova Films, 2015.

1 DVD (12 min.)

Green-Field Library Call No.: WM 220 DVD no. 207 2015

## **Web Resource**

*Home care worker training and people with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias: ideas for state policy makers.*

Allison Cook

<https://phinational.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Home-Care-Workers-and-Alzheimers-PHI-Nov-2017.pdf>

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