

# Cognitive Changes & Dementia Symptom Tracker



Dementia impacts individuals in unique ways, and it's crucial to distinguish between dementia symptoms and age-related forgetfulness. If a family member or loved one shows changes in memory or behavior, it's essential to pay close attention.

Quartet Senior Living created this worksheet to help you recognize changes and patterns to better communicate these with healthcare providers.



#### Orientation

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Forgets names of close family & friends				
Forgets his/her home address or location				
Forgets the date, time of day, or year				
Asks repetitive questions				

#### **Behavior**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Refuses or resists medications				
Accuses others of theft or malice				
Exhibits frustration easily				
Fearful of new people or situations				

#### Communication

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Has trouble using words to express needs				
Becomes frustrated when speaking				
Repeats words, phrases, & gestures				
Talks to people who are not present				
Has difficulty with comprehension				

## **Bathing & Grooming**

# **Nutrition & Hydration**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Refuses to change clothes					Eats less than 1,500 calories per day				
Resists bathing					Eats more than 2,500 calories per day				
Refuses personal hygiene maintenance					Only eats a few types of food				
Exhibits anxiety about water					Eats 50% or less of a meal				
Becomes combative during grooming					Refuses water consumption				

### **Judgment**

#### **Toileting**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Mismanages money				
Dresses inappropriately for weather				
Unable to recognize danger				
Inability to comprehend consequences				

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Accidents or incontinence				
Unaware of the need to use the restroom				
Unaware of incontinence				

### **Physical**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Experiences difficulty walking				
Shuffles when moving				
Difficulty transitioning from sitting to standing				
Appears to have pain				
Exhibits changes in facial expressions				
Changes in sleeping habits				
Experiences accidental falls				
Increase in bruising				

#### **Engagement**

## **Wandering & Safety**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Neve
Appears anxious or fearful					Is unsafe around the stove or hot surfaces				
Appears sad or withdrawn					ls unsafe around water				
Has difficulty making eye contact					Attempts to eat non-food items				
Demonstrates apathy about daily life					Has gotten lost				
Withdrawal from hobbies or pastimes					Attempts to leave home				
					Unsafe driving habits				

Quartet Senior Living provides a nurturing, supportive lifestyle for those living with dementia and other memory-related conditions. Our Navigate Memory Care program stands out for its innovative design and holistic approach to well-being, empowering each resident's unique abilities.