



## Alzheimer's Disease Part 2

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This is the second of a three-part series on Alzheimer's Disease and the early warning signs. Alzheimer's Disease is just one type of dementia. The Alzheimer's Association has so many resources for those affected by the dementia and their family, friends, and caregivers. One section of the website is dedicated to early warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease or dementia. We will highlight and discuss a few of these each month. If you notice these signs, do not ignore them, but contact the doctor to plan for assessment and evaluation.

### **5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships**

This happens for some individuals in early stages of Alzheimer's disease. They may experience vision issues, or have trouble determining color, contrast, or distance. This can be apparent especially during driving.

### **6. New problems with words in speaking and writing**

It can be difficult for those with probable dementia to join a conversation or if they do, it can be hard to continue the conversation, stopping at times and not knowing how to continue. They may have trouble naming an object or they may call it the wrong name.

### **7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps**

Someone with Alzheimer's disease may put things in the wrong place or unusual places and then not be able to locate them later. They may even accuse people of stealing from them because they cannot find what is usually in a certain place.

If you notice any of these signs in your loved one or yourself, contact the doctor. Do not ignore them.

**For additional information about Eldercare, please contact Quest at 1-800-364-6352.**