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Studies

Heart failure with comorbid dementia: Association with clinical characteristics and outcomes One-fifth of persons over age 65 with HF also have comorbid dementia. Co-occurring HF and dementia markedly increase functional impairment and subsequent ADL decline, hospitalization, and death. These results highlight the need for physician awareness for signs of dementia, and appropriate adjustments in the management of HF.

<u>Families of patients with Alzheimer's disease dementia notice progression from symptoms</u> of disorientation and visual memory disturbance

Family members of patients with ADD tend to notice the progression of ADD from the symptoms of disorientation and visual memory.

<u>Experiences and preferences for advance care planning following a diagnosis of</u> dementia: Findings from a cross-sectional survey of carers

198 carers participated. Most participants were female (74%) and had been a carer for more than 2 years (82%). Most participants reported that the person with dementia they support had made a Will (97%) and appointed an Enduring Guardian (93%) and Enduring Power of Attorney (89%). Only 47% had completed an advance care directive. No significant associations were found between characteristics of persons with dementia and completion of an advance care directive. Geriatricians (53%) and GPs (51%) most often discussed advance care planning following diagnosis. Most carers thought that discussions about advance care planning should occur in the first few weeks or months following diagnosis (32%), at the healthcare provider's discretion (31%), or at the time of diagnosis (25%).

Cochrane Review

<u>Multi-domain prognostic models used in middle-aged adults without known cognitive</u> impairment for predicting subsequent dementia

We identified 14 unique multi-domain prognostic models used in middle-aged adults for predicting subsequent dementia. Diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and smoking were the most common modifiable risk factors used as predictors in the models. We performed meta-analyses of C-statistics for one model (CAIDE), but the summary values were unreliable. Owing to lack of data, we were unable to meta-analyse the calibration measures of CAIDE. This review highlights the need for further robust external validations of multi-domain prognostic models for predicting future risk of dementia in middle-aged adults.















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Blog

Dementia support this Men's Health Week

Admiral Nurse Joe Costello discusses the barriers some men might experience in seeking a dementia diagnosis or accessing support as a carer.

News

Wembley Stadium becomes first national stadium to be dementia friendly

The Football Association (FA) has worked with its official charity partner, Alzheimer's Society, to put in place a series of improvements to the iconic Wembley Stadium, changing the game for fans with dementia. After an audit of the stadium by people affected by dementia, who were invited to attend two matchdays and provide feedback, several supporting measures have been put in place to improve accessibility and increase understanding and knowledge of dementia. Measures include bespoke training to public-facing staff like matchday stewards, information on ticketing receipts and the Wembley Stadium website and increased visibility of current services available, such as its dedicated lifts and accessible shuttle service.









