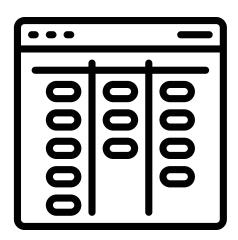


## Alzheimer's & Dementia

**Symptom Tracker Worksheet** 



Although Alzheimer's and dementia affect people differently and each person's journey is unique; there are some common symptoms and behaviors shown in most people living with the disease. We designed this tool to help family members track the type and frequency of symptoms your loved one is experiencing. Using this worksheet, we hope that you can have better communication with your loved one's healthcare providers and facilitate the best care plan possible for your specific situation.

ORIENTATION  Forgets names of close family & friends, Forgets his/her home address or location Forgets the date, time of day, or year Asks repetitive questions	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	NEVER
COMMUNICATION  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 Refuses to change clothes Resists bathing Refuses personal hygiene maintenance Exhibits anxiety about water Becomes combative during grooming  NUTRITION & HYDRATION Eats less than 1500 calories per day Eats more than 2500 calories per day Only eats a few types of food Eats 50% or less of a meal Refuses water consumption				
BEHAVIOR Refuses or resists medications Accuses others of theft or malice Exhibits frustration easily Fearful of new people or situations  JUDGMENT Mismanages money Dresses inappropriately for weather	:	:	:	:
Unable to recognize danger Inability to comprehend consequences	:	:	:	:

ENGAGEMENT	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	NEVER
Appears anxious or fearful				
Appears sad or withdrawn				
Has difficulty making eye contact,				
Demonstrates apathy about daily life				
Withdrawal from hobbies or pastimes	•	•	•	
TOILETING				
Accidents or incontinence,				
Unaware of need to use the bathroom				
Is unaware of incontinence,	•	-	•	•
PHYSICAL				
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			•	
Changes in sleeping habits Experiences falls	-			
Increases in bruising			-	
WANDERING & SAFETY	•	•		•
Is unsafe around the stove or hot surfaces				
Is unsafe around water				
Attempts to eat non-food items				
Has gotten lost Attempts to leave home			-	
Unsafe driving habits		_	_	
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If you would like more information on the benefits of memory care, please contact Oaks Senior Living or:

