BEHAVIORS ASSOCIATED WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER DEMENTIAS

Outlined below are behaviors that may become evident with the progression of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The following chart may be helpful to indicate the prevalence of these behaviors.

BEHAVIOR	NEVER	SOMETIMES	ALWAYS
 DELUSIONS Doesn't recognize familiar surroundings or faces Hearing/seeing/believing things that are not real Demonstrates impaired perception of reality Acts fearful without good reason 			
 WANDERING ⇒ Trying to leave home to look for something ⇒ Wanting to go outside without proper clothing ⇒ Loses way in familiar surroundings 			
 Refusal → Refusing to do personal care activities (bathing, dressing, eating, etc.) → Refusing to get out of bed → Refusing to take medications → Refusing or unwilling to attend social activities 			
AGGRESSIONS ➤ Easily frustrated ➤ Physical altercations (push or strike out) ➤ Yelling and/or swearing			
REPETITION ➤ Repeating questions and/or words ➤ Repeating stories ➤ Repeating activities			
AGITATION ➤ Restless ➤ Pacing around the house			
SEXUAL INAPPROPRIATENESS ➤ Inappropriate with self ➤ Inappropriate with others			
FALSE ACCUSATIONS ➤ Becoming suspicious ➤ Reaches illogical conclusions ➤ Missing items are "stolen"			

