



**Mid North Coast Rural Palliative Care Project –
Care Assistant Palliative Approach Course 2005**

Palliative Care in Advanced Dementia

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- Dementia is a syndrome characterised by confusion, behavioural & functional changes
- Dementia is a broad term to describe loss of memory, intellect, social skills & normative emotive reactions
- Dementia is NOT a normal part of ageing

Dementia Types

There are many different diseases which cause dementia including:-

- Alzheimers disease which is the most common
- Vascular Dementia
- Lewy Body
- Other – Picks, Alcohol, Parkinsons, CJD, AIDS, Huntingtons

Dementia: Symptoms

- Memory loss: recall, short & long term
- Disorientation: time, place, person
- Mood changes
- Difficulties with language
- Loss of independence with ADLs
- Delusions and Hallucinations
- Failure to recognise people, objects

Dementia "Ripple"

Adapted from Professor Ladislav Volcic

