

When is it Time to Consider In-Home Care for an Alzheimer's Patient?

Need help with dementia care or caring for a loved one suffering from dementia? Follow these dementia care tips

NEW YORK, NY, USA, June 9, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Before consulting a medical professional, it is likely that loved ones have noticed subtle, if not significant, changes in behavior or mood that signal a breakdown in brain function, however minimal. Alzheimer's symptoms include memory loss, mood swings, changes in personality, and confusion, and when detected should be addressed.

Whether or not a person who was recently [diagnosed with Dementia](#) is surprised by the diagnosis, they are likely to react with a certain degree of resistance. Maybe the individual believes that he or she is going to be the one who beats the odds, and gets away unscathed, or perhaps he or she accuses the doctors, or even the loved ones, of being incompetent or dishonest. Regardless of the scenario, however unpleasant, a refusal to accept the condition is a common reaction and one that should be met with understanding and care.

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At this point, it will be vital for you and your loved one to discuss the disease and plan for care, but this could be a difficult task to approach. Before opening up a conversation, it might be a good idea to make him or her more comfortable. Consider spending time together beforehand, doing something that he or she enjoys so that

it's a more natural and relaxed conversation.

One of the necessary reassurances that your loved one will require is knowing that you are not going to abandon them during this time when they will no longer be able to remember the people that they love. An incredibly painful prospect is the reality that they will lose the ability to recognize the people that they hold dear and love the most. The thought of it can be crushing, so it is important to reassure your loved one and let them know that you will be there, even when they forget who you are. Another vital reassurance to make is one that allows them to know that, regardless of what happens and when it happens, you will ensure that they receive the best possible quality of care.

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fiercely independent. Conversations about their care can instill a sense of fear or dread about becoming a burden to the people they love. Those who love taking care of themselves could be resistant to the idea of having someone there to do the things that they enjoy doing on their own.

When your loved one voices such concerns, it is essential to validate them. Listen to their concerns, be empathetic, and try to put yourself in their shoes. In the end, try to reassure them that an in-home caregiver will provide the kind of support that they will need.

Finding Quality Care

As with all services and products, quality can vary from provider to provider, so it is important - particularly when it comes to your loved one's care- to search for the best possible option. Doing so will give you and your loved one peace of mind.

When hiring a care provider for your loved one, you should look for a person who has been specially trained to work with individuals with Dementia or Alzheimer's. You should seek to hire individuals who possess a keen understanding of the many challenges that are specific to these conditions, and who has experience handling related situations with loving care.

Another feature that you will want in a care provider is a willingness to design a care plan that is unique to your loved one. No two people are the same, so why should care plans be identical? Be sure to look for a care provider that is willing to adjust to your loved one's needs, and to make room for additional changes as time passes and the disease progresses.

[Dementia Care Tips](#) is a community comprised of individuals who all have gone through a unique experience of caring for someone with dementia. Our mission is to continue to holistically leverage each other's experiences, expertise, and support together in a principle-centered foundation that can assist all caregivers provide the best possible care for people with dementia.

All the while we adhere to noble standards to maintain our community as a beacon of hope for everyone.

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