

## **SYMPTOMS & PROGRESSION OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

PHASE 1: INVOLVES THE TIME FRAME LEADING UP TO AND INCLUDING DIAGNOSIS

Usually lasts 2 - 4 years

Examples: confusion, forgetfulness, trouble concentrating, inappropriate behavior

PHASE 2: THIS IS USUALLY THE LONGEST PHASE

Lasts 2 - 10 years after diagnosis

Examples: aimlessness, change in walk (begins to shuffle)

PHASE 3: LAST PHASE

Usually no more than 3 years

Examples: communication lost, bowel control lost, prolonged sleeping, difficulty swallowing, skin breakdowns

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