Later Stage Dementia
or
End of Life

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NURSING HOME
Matching - involves the identification of the stage of dementia that an individual is experiencing.

Group Living – is creating an optimum environment in which those experiencing the same stage of dementia can live.
Stages of Dementia

Mal-oriented.

Time confused.

Repetitive motion.

Vegetation.

( Naomi Feil)

Early

Different Reality

Repetitive

Later Stage

(Christine Kovach)
Our Lounges

- Woodnook – Early Stage
- Snug – Different Reality
- Garden Row – Repetitive
- Pavilion – Later Stage
Our Lounges

- Small groups between 8 & 16 people.
- All lounges have comfortable sitting area, a dining area and a kitchenette.
- Staff with the rights skills and attributes
- Staffing ratio of at least 1:4.
Garden Row
Pavilion
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<th>GSF Code</th>
<th>Description of Possible Condition/Health Status</th>
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| A        | Stable                                        | - Advanced Care Planning  
  - Best Interest Decisions  
  - Communicate with Residents and Significant others  
  - Confirm Wishes/Will  
  - Support unfinished business  
  - Establish Spiritual Needs  
  - DNACPR/AND  
  - Preferred Place of Care  
  - Funeral Arrangements  
  - Establish Lasting Power of Attorney and Type |
| B        | Unstable                                       | - As A and  
  - Review Level of Care  
  - Increase GP Communication  
  - Check CHC Status  
  - Complete DS1500 (GP)  
  - Refer to Specialists |
| C        | Sustained decline and Instability              | - As A, B and  
  - Get Anticipatory Medication  
  - Check DNACPR in place  
  - Increase Communication with significant others  
  - Review CHC/Fast Track Funding  
  - Send relevant forms to OOHs and retain a copy. |
| D        | Semi Concious/Unconscious                      | - Cyanosis  
  - Reduced Appetite and/or Swallowing Reflex  
  - Dehydration  
  - Decreased Tissue Viability  
  - Decreased Urine Output  
  - Increased Constipation  
  - Chest Infection  
  - Agitation  
  - Oedema |
Signs & Symptoms of Later Stage & End of Life

- Reduced Appetite and swallowing difficulty
- Changes in Behaviour
- Weight Loss
- Tissue Breakdown
- Loss of Mobility
- Increased Level of Sleep
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- Talking of Death and Dying
- Not responding to Antibiotics
- Changes in Bowel Habits and Urine Output
- Increased Symptoms
- Signs of Increased Depression and Grieving
Case Studies
The Benefits

To Staff
To Families
To Residents
To Organisation