

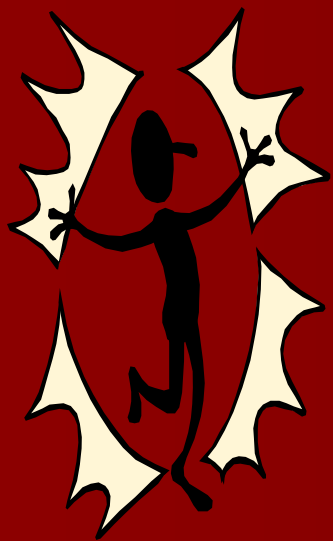
# Your Toolbox for Managing Reactive Behaviors #1



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Memory Loss Solutions

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# Dementia 101

## Tool # 1



# What is Dementia?



- **Global deterioration of cognitive function.**

# DSM-IV Criteria for Dementia



- **Aphasia (language)**
- **Agnosia (object recognition)**
- **Apraxia (impaired motor skills)**
- **Executive dysfunction (planning, organizing)**

# Types of Dementia

## ■ Alzheimer's Type Dementia

- **Busy**
- **50-60% All Dementias**
- **Memory prompting NOT helpful**
- **Drugs:**  
**Aricept/Razadyne/Exelon**  
**/Namenda**
- **Antipsychotics maybe?**



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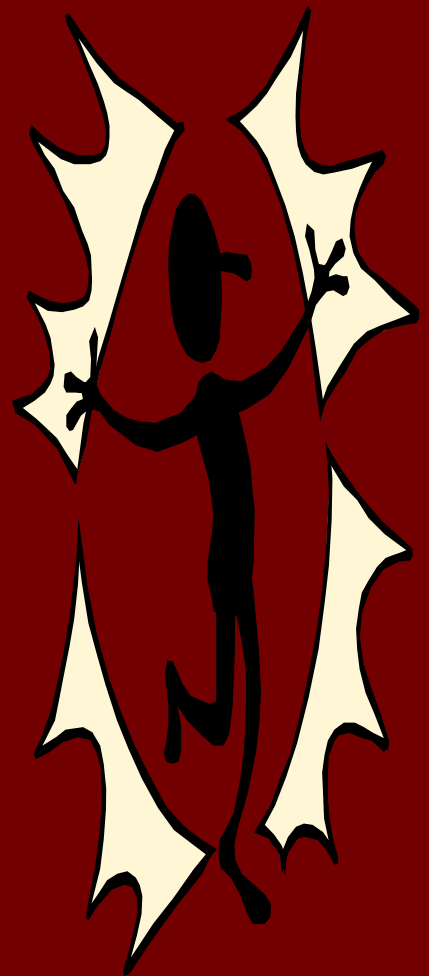
- **Vascular Dementia**
  - Couch potato
  - Memory prompting helps
  - Drugs: Antidepressants/Ritalin (?)
  - Close management of vascular disease



# Types of Dementia

## ■ Lewy Body Dementia

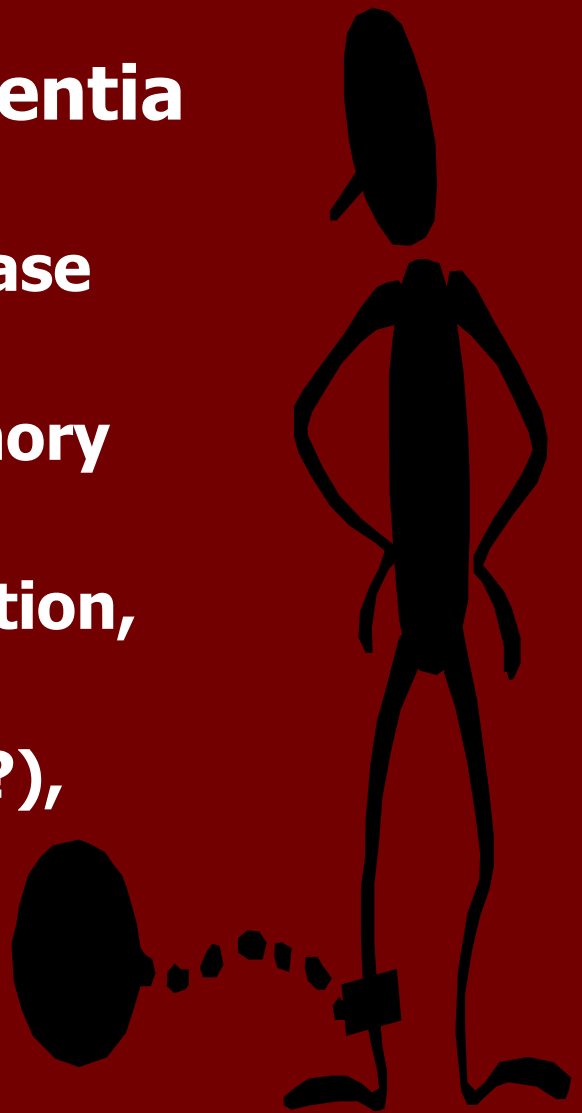
- Gait problems first, then memory, REM disorder
- Fluctuation in attention
- Hallucinations/Delusions
- Mimics Parkinson's disease
- Drugs: Aricept/Razadyne/Exelon/
- Avoid antipsychotics except Seroquel



# Types of Dementia

## ■ Parkinson's Dementia

- Long history of Parkinson's Disease
- Loss of function followed by memory loss
- Risk of Hallucination, delusions
- Drugs: Sinemet(?),
- Seroquel





# Types of Dementia

- **Korsakoff's Type Dementia (Alcohol induced)**
  - **Loss of judgment/insight**
  - **Minimal/no progression *if* stop drinking**
  - **Drugs: Treat underlying mental health issue that drives use of ETOH; Depression/anxiety/Bipolar**



# Types of Dementia

- **Frontal Temporal Lobe Dementia**
  - Disinhibition/compulsive/
  - Perseveration/Apathy
  - Difficulty changing tracks
  - Drugs: ??????????
  - CBT – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy?



■ QUESTIONS ?