

**Final version**

**END STAGE DEMENTIA ASSESSMENT TOOL**

Patients with <sup>end stage</sup> dementia must show ALL of the below characteristics. (tick all that apply)

	Unable to <u>ambulate</u> without assistance.	Mnemonic
	Unable to <u>dress</u> without assistance.	Dressing Movement/Walking
	Unable to <u>bathe</u> without assistance.	Verbal comm. Incontinence
	<u>Urinary and faecal incontinence</u> , intermittent or constant.	Bathing Eating
	No meaningful <u>verbal communication</u> : stereotypical phrases only or the ability to speak is limited to six or fewer intelligible words.	
	Difficulty <u>swallowing</u> or eating.	

Patients must have had ONE of the following within the past 12 months. (tick all that apply)

	Aspiration pneumonia.
	Kidney infection or other upper urinary tract infection.
	Septicemia.
	Pressure ulcers, multiple, stage 3-4.
	Fever, recurrent after antibiotics.
	Inability to maintain sufficient fluid and calorie intake with 10% weight loss in previous 6 months

**NB.** This tool is designed to guide care pathways and is not a diagnostic instrument.

**IF THE CRITERIA ARE MET THE PATIENT IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE.**

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