# Early Onset Dementia: Screening, Diagnosing and Then What?...

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### Early Onset Dementia: Facts

- Few studies listing country prevalence
- In Japan: 42.3/100,000 (vascular 42.6%, AD (25.6%), TBI (7.1%), DLB and PD (6.2%), FTD (2.6%), others (16%)
   [Stroke, 2009]

In Europe: All dementia: 38-420/100,000

AD: 15.1-153/100,000

FTD: 4.0-15.4/100,000

[AD Europe, 2009]

### What is Fronto-Temporal Dementia?

- FTD is a group of related conditions:
- Progressive degeneration of the temporal and frontal lobes.
- Brain areas +++

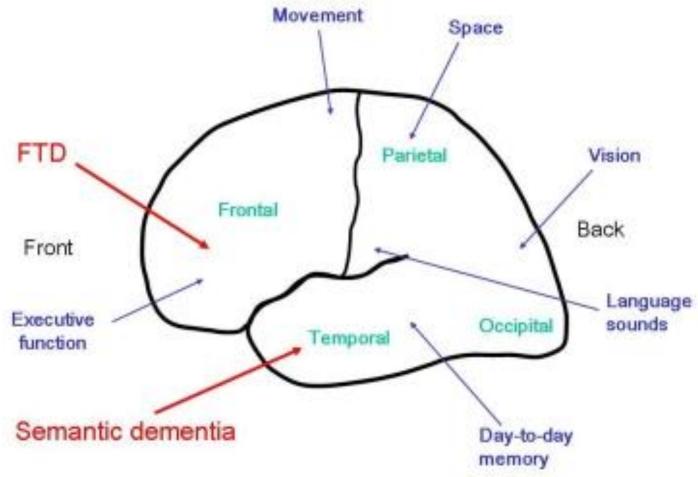
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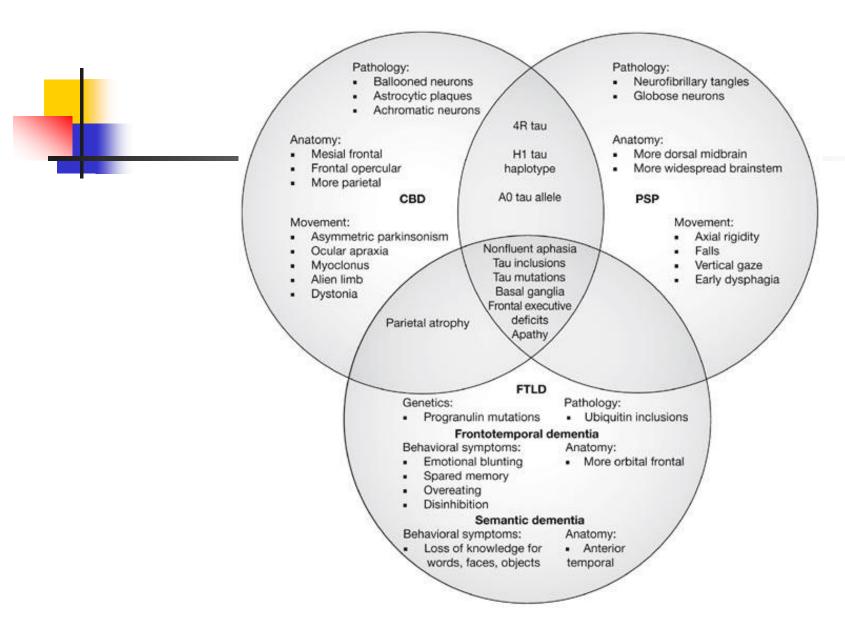
behavioral control

**Emotion** 

language.



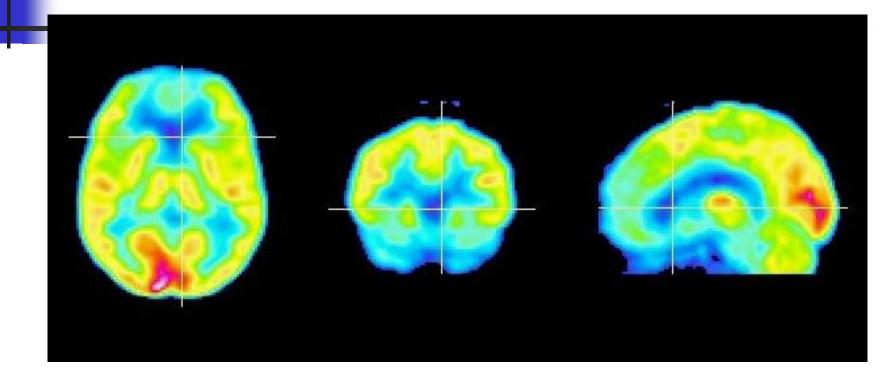


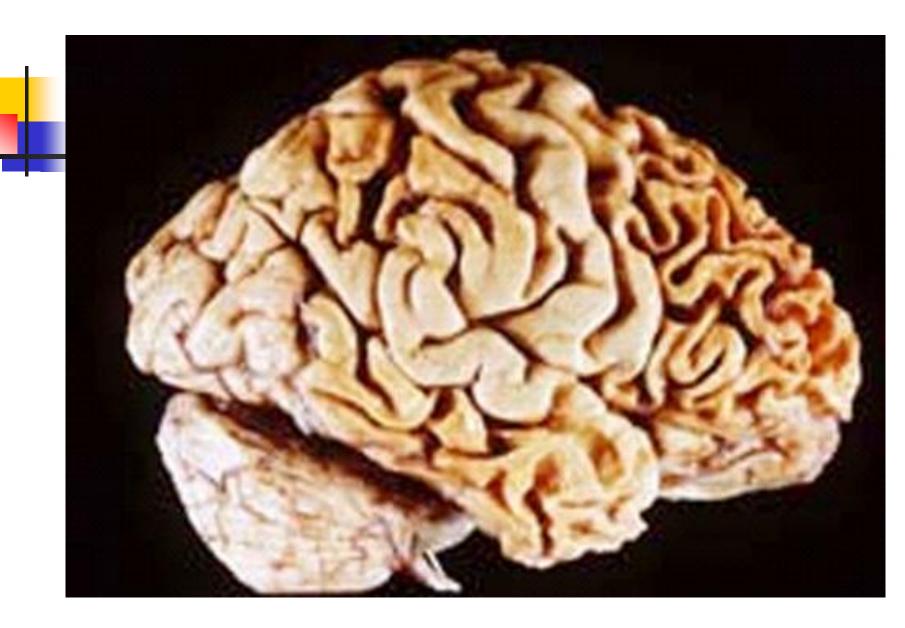




#### Disease Progression

- Appears mid-40s to early-60s
- Causes steady and gradual decline
- Can last from 3-17 years from the first symptom until death
- Average duration of eight years after diagnosis





# Early Onset Dementia: The Challenges

- Difficult diagnosis to make and carry
- Family issues: kids, young partnership
- Impact on employment
- Impact on finances
- Impact on ancillary services offered
- Impact on quality of life

### Charts Data Review (2005-2008)

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■ N (85)
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Mean Age (55.19)

• F/M (50/35)

MMSE Initial (27.25) SD((3.34))

MMSE F/U (25.45) SD((4.51))

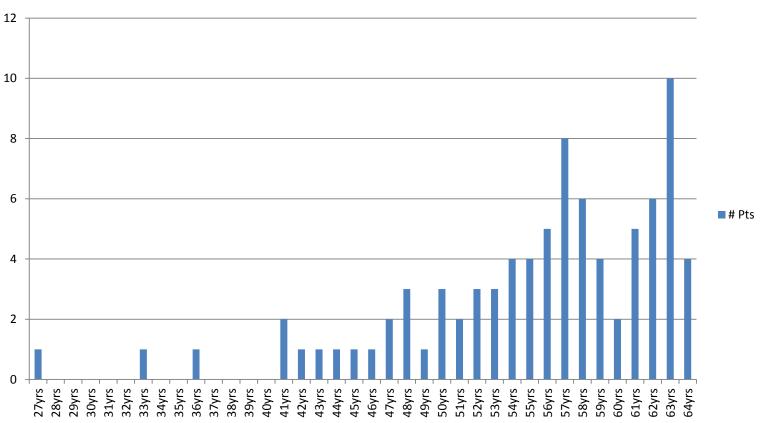
MMSE (NH) (25.67) SD((1.16))

Variable	N	Descriptive
Age (mean (SD))	85	55.19 (7.51)
Age Groupings:		
25-29.99	1	1.2%
30-34.99	1	1.2%
35-39.99	1	1.2%
40-44.99	5	5.9%
45-49.99	8	9.4%
50-54.99	15	17.6%
55-59.99	27	31.8%
60-64.99	27	31.8%
Gender:		
Male	35	41.2%
Female	50	58.8%
SW Consult:		
No	48	56.5%
Yes	37	43.5%
Home at diagnosis:		
No	3	3.5%
Yes	82	96.5%
Last recorded location:		
Home	77	90.6%
Hospice	1	1.2%
Nursing Home	6	7.1%
Do not know	1	1.2%

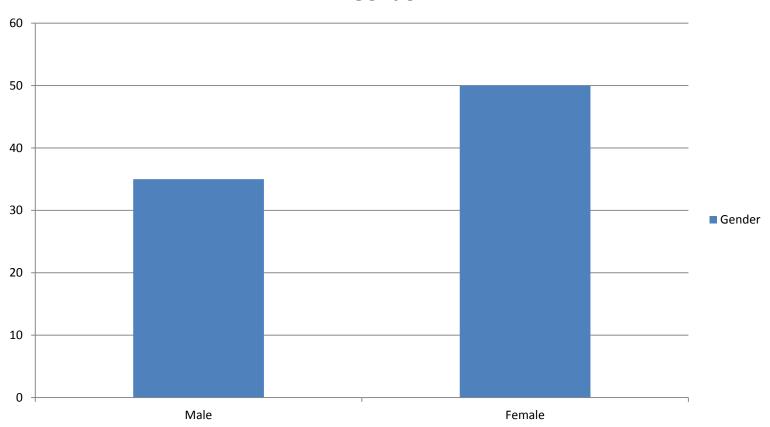
Variable	N	Descriptive
Diagnosis: Overall		
ETOH	2	2.4%
HIV	1	1.2%
MS	10	11.8%
Neoplasm	1	1.2%
Neurodegenerative	50	58.8%
AD	19	
FTD	13	
MCI	9	
MIX	3	
PCA	1	
PD	5	
Other	2	2.4%
CNOS/Behcet	1	
NPH	1	
TBI	10	11.8%
ADD+MDD	9	10.6%
ADD	6	
MDD	3	
First MMSE (mean (SD))	60	27.25 (3.34)
MMSE follow-up (1-2yrs) (mean (SD))	20	25.45 (4.51)
MMSE follow-up (nursing home) (mean (SD)	3	25.67 (1.16)

Variable	N	Descriptive
Work-up:		
1	20	23.5%
MRI	13	
NP	7	
2	25	29.4%
MRI + NP	13	
MRI + PET	7	
MRI + SPECT	3	
PET + NP	2	
3	32	37.6%
MRI + PET + NP	22	
MRI + PET + SPECT	1	
MRI + SPECT + NP	9	
4	1	1.2%
None	7	8.2%
MRI:		
No	16	18.8%
Yes	69	81.2%
PET:		
No	52	61.2%
Yes	33	38.8%
SPECT:		
No	71	83.5%
Yes	14	16.5%
Neuropsych:		
No	31	36.5%
Yes	54	63.5%

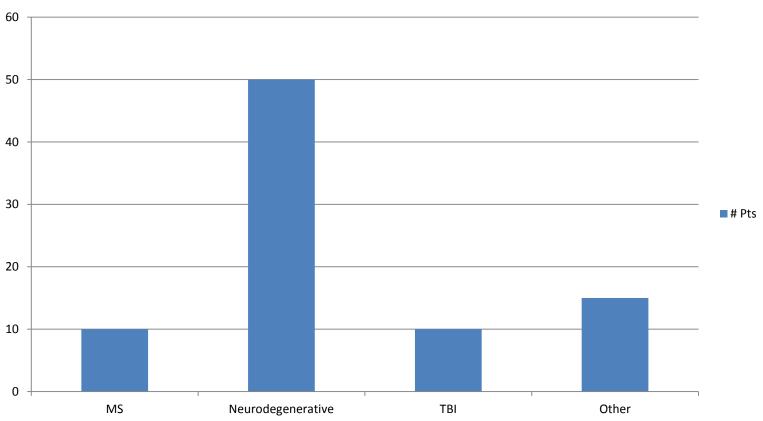




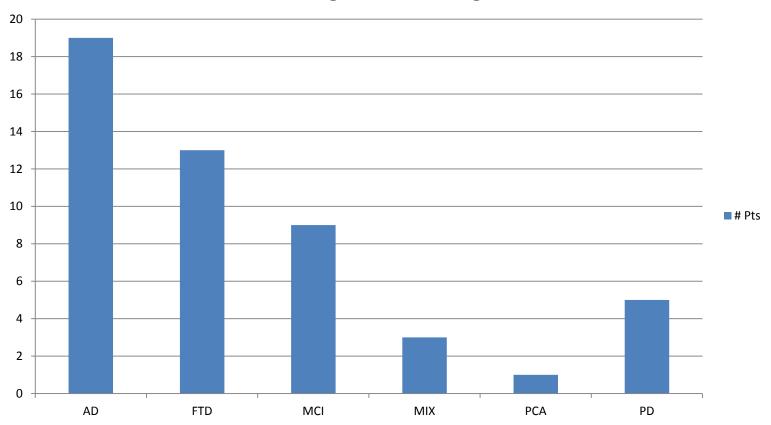




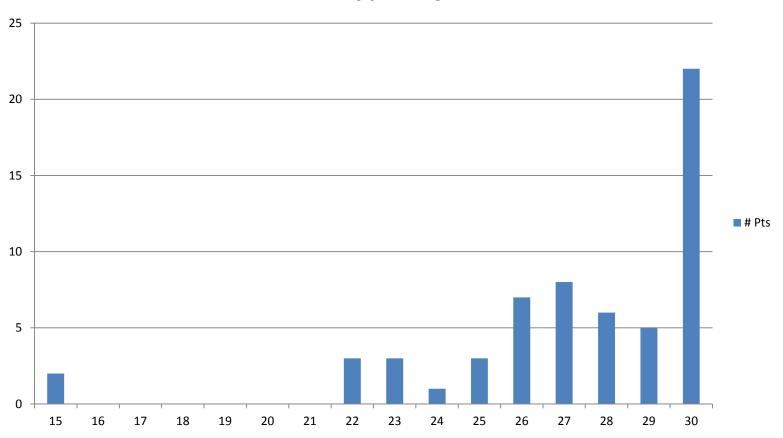




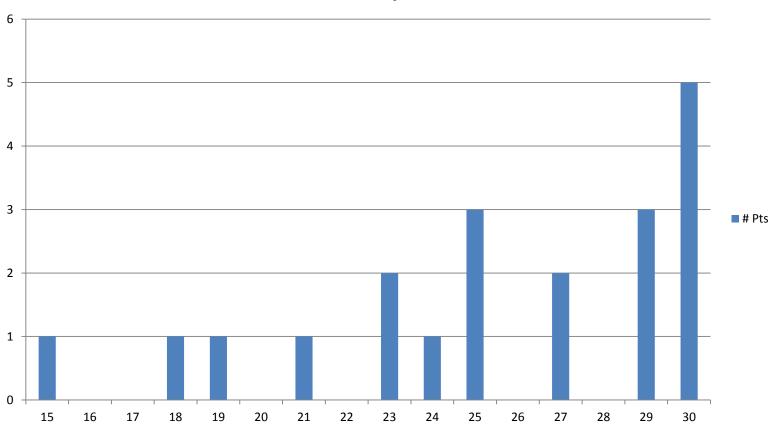
#### **Neurodegenerative Diagnosis**



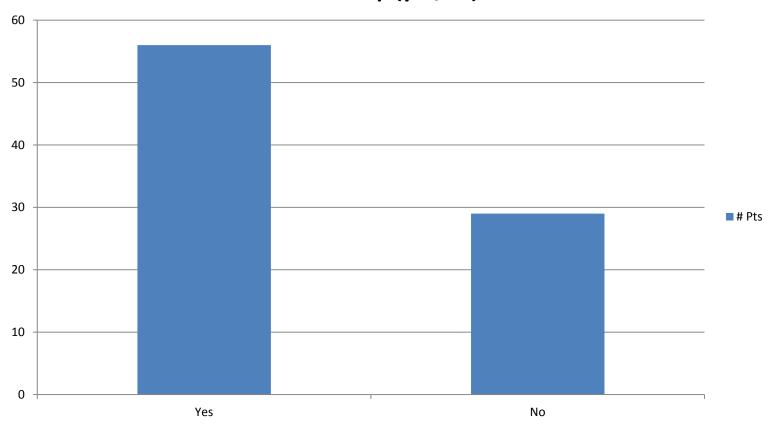
#### **Initial MMSE**



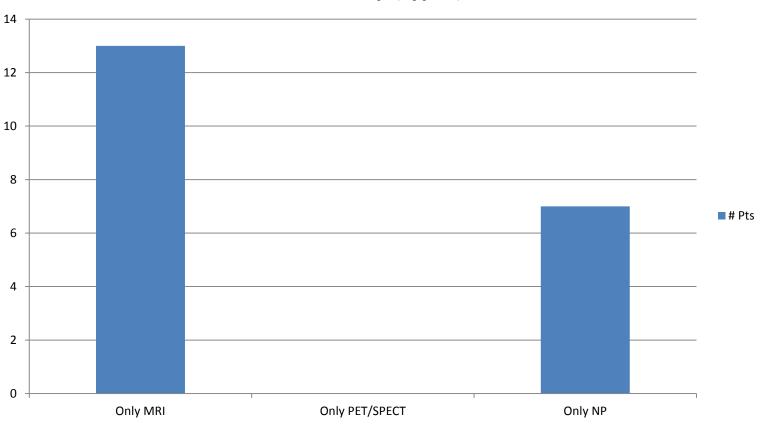
#### Follow-up MMSE



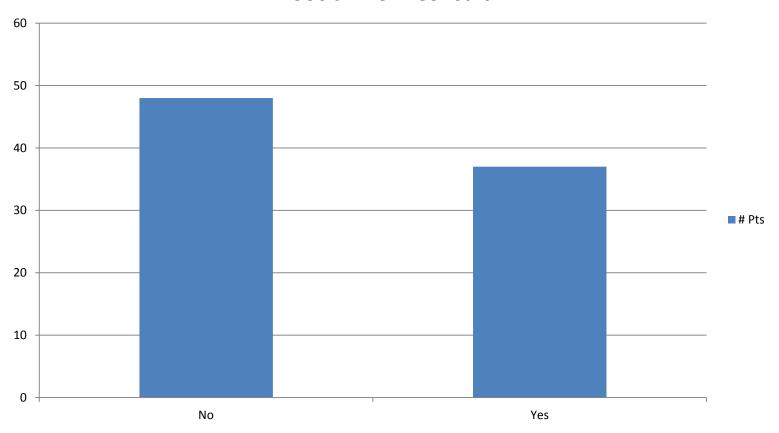
#### Work-Up (yes/no)



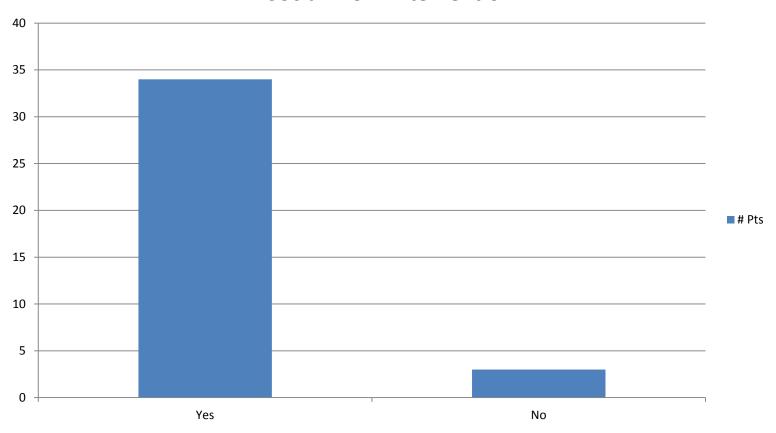
#### Work-Up (types)



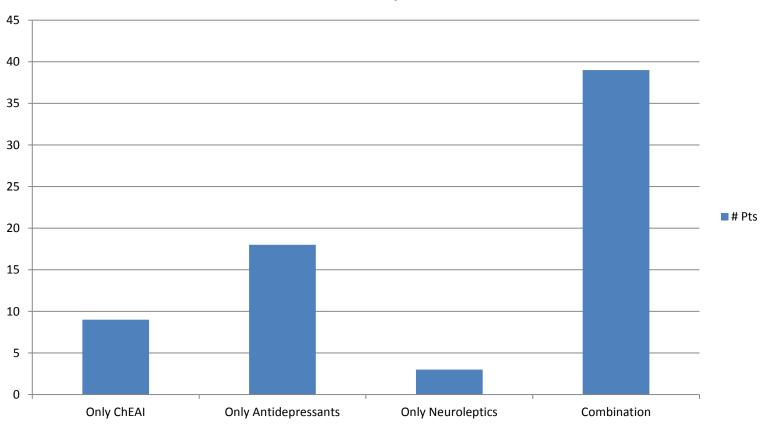
#### **Social Work Consult**



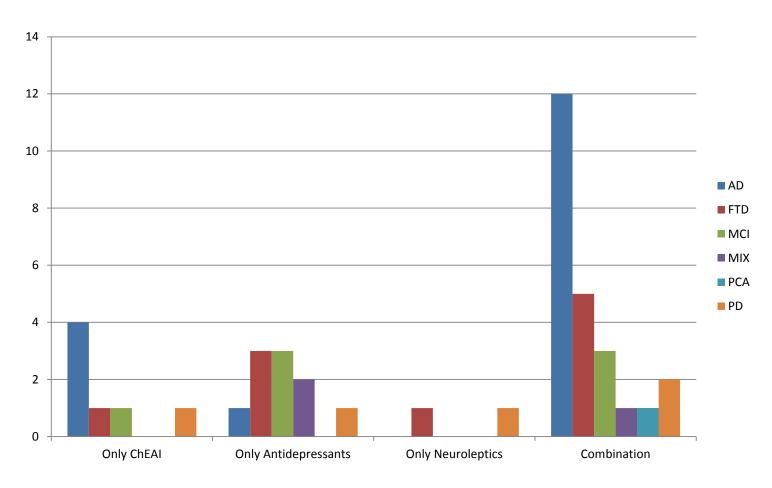
#### **Social Work Intervention**



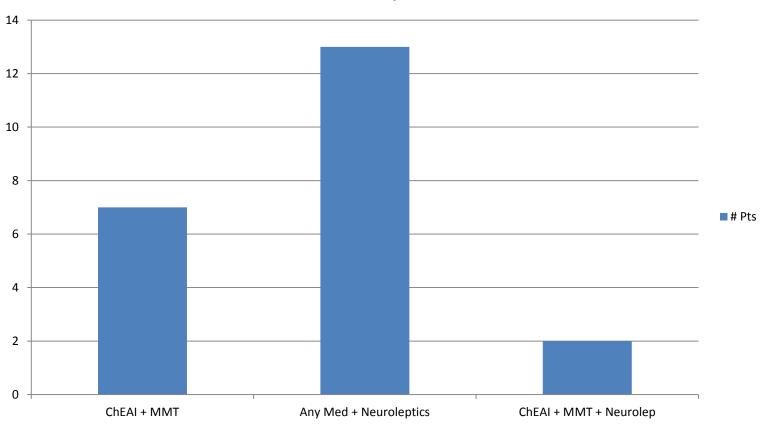
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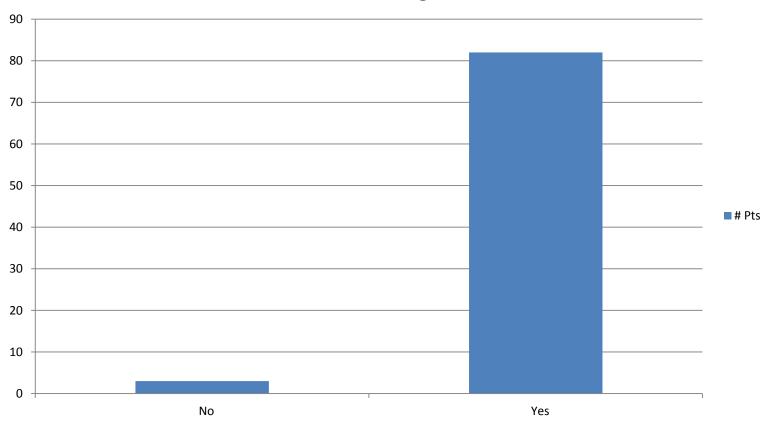
#### Medication by Neurodegenerative Diagnosis



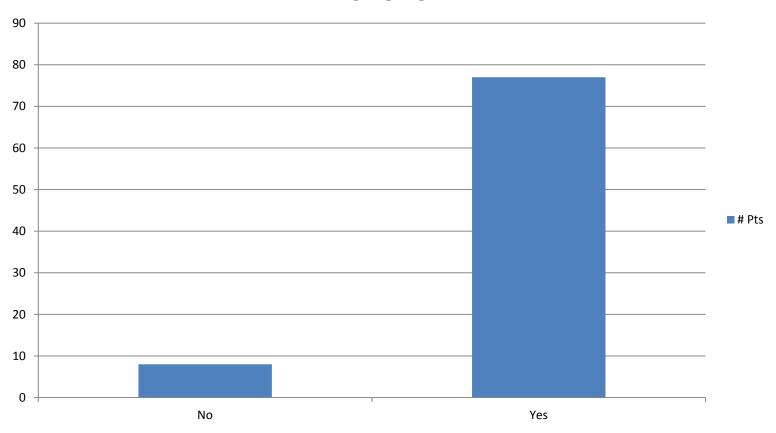
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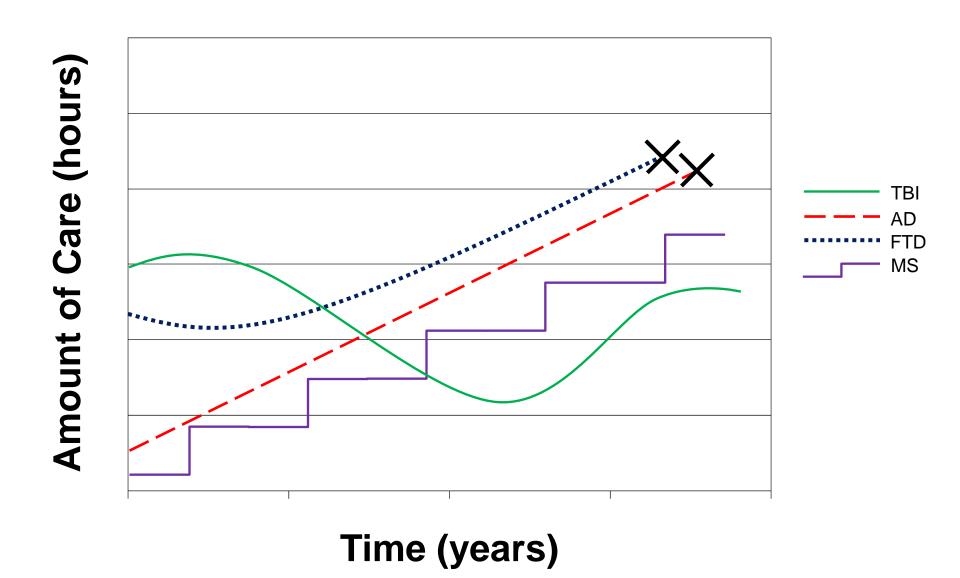
#### **Home at Diagnosis**



#### **Home Now**



#### **Amount of Medical Care over Time**



Caregiver Burden over Time Amount of Care (hours) ...... TBI MS

Time (years)

## Current State of Affairs in Massachusetts

- 428 Nursing Homes
- 128 Dementia Units
- 213 Assisted Living Residences
- 102 offer some sort of special care
- If able to pay \$\$ ----most will accommodate
- [Benchmark Group]



- New legislature being proposed
- Help family access Mass Health quickly [even if spouse has some money]
- Can use PCA and move to NH [covered by Mass Health]
- EOD is an inclusion criteria



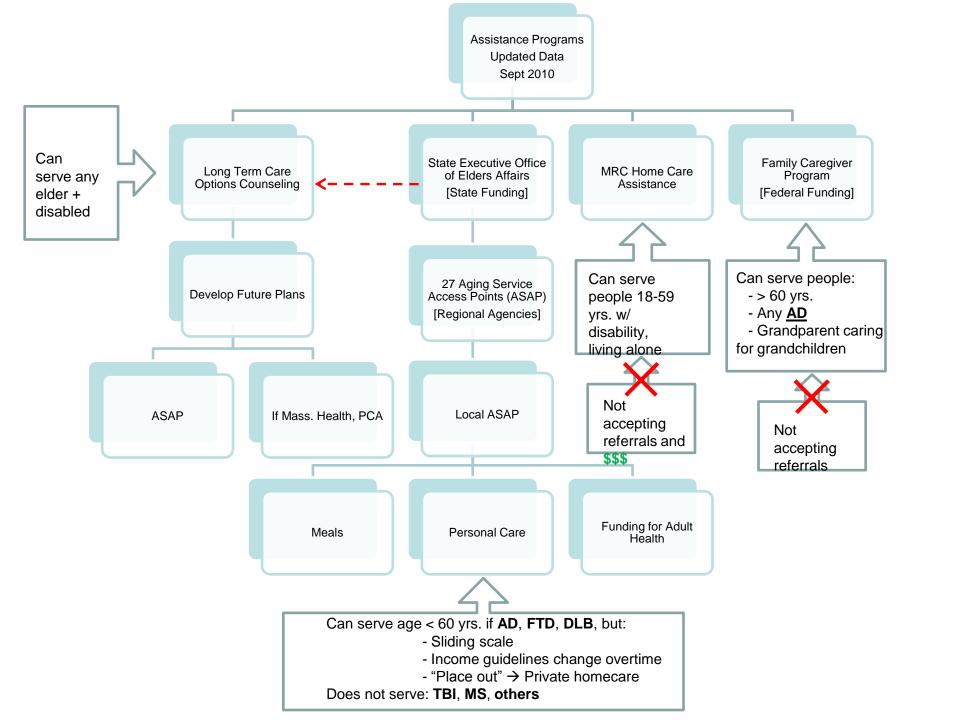
### Mass Health and Common Health Care: Who is eligible?

\*Cut-off Mass Health: 1201\$/mo for Individual 1616 \$/mo for Couple

\*Cut-off Common Health Care:

1355\$/mo for Individual

1823\$/mo for Couple

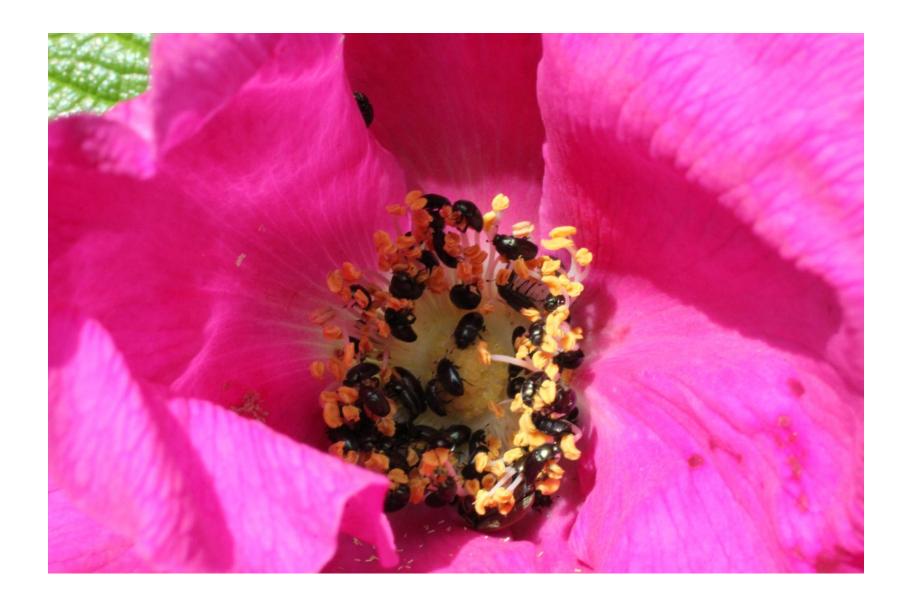


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#### Concerned?... We are!!

#### Major areas of concerns

- Extensive \$\$ work-up, combo meds, SW consults and yet NO tangible change in what we are able to do so far...
- Access to services
- Care giving- YOU
- 4. Family burden and responsibility
- 5. Driving?
- 6. ADL's and IADL's: The list is long...



### Thank you!

