

WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY IN THE EASTERN CAPE

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**CELEBRATING
THE YEAR OF
CHARLOTTE MAXEKE**



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AFFECTS THE AREAS OF THE BRAIN THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THINKING, MEMORY AND BEHAVIOR.

SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE INCLUDE:

- MEMORY LOSS
- TENDENCY TO MISPLACE THINGS
- TROUBLE PERFORMING FAMILIAR TASKS
- CHANGES IN PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOR
- POOR JUDGMENT
- PROBLEMS WITH LANGUAGE
- IMPAIRED VISUOSPATIAL SKILLS

**HEALTHY
BRAIN**



**ALZHEIMER
BRAIN**

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RISK FACTORS FOR
ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE



A FAMILY HISTORY OF THE DISEASE



INHERITING GENES FOR THE DISEASE
FROM YOUR PARENTS



EXISTING MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT



DOWN SYNDROME



UNHEALTHY LIFESTYLE



PREVIOUS HEAD TRAUMA



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STAY
SAFE
SOUTH AFRICAN
NATIONAL DISASTER
MANAGEMENT AND
RELIEF AGENCY

Alzheimer's disease might not kill a citizen but our ignorance can. This is the bare truth that we must accept in South Africa. Let us make it our duty to understand Alzheimer's disease.



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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE | EASTERN CAPE FACTS

- SOUTH AFRICA IS EXPERIENCING LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO ACCUSATIONS OF WITCHCRAFT
- THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA, OF WHICH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS ONE OF THEM IS 2,2 MILLION
- EASTERN CAPE HAS A SPATE OF KILLINGS OF OLDER WOMEN ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT
- THE SAPS STATISTICS INDICATE THAT LADY FRERE, COFIMVABA AND ENGCOBO POLICE STATIONS REPORTED A NUMBER WITCHCRAFT RELATED KILLINGS
- ALL THREE ARE FROM CHRIS HANI DISTRICT AND SAPS HAS CONFIRMED THAT THIS DISTRICT IS LEADING IN SUCH CASES



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DEMENTIA | SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING ARE NEEDED NOW TO ADDRESS DEMENTIA IN SA:

- ROBUST PREVALENCE DATA USING CULTURE-FAIR SCREENING TESTS
- EARLIER DIAGNOSIS AND INTERVENTION OPTIONS
- DESTIGMATISATION AND INCREASED AWARENESS
- INCREASED PREPAREDNESS AND SERVICE PROVISION
- PRIORITISED RESEARCH FUNDING
- EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING COMMUNITIES, TO BETTER MANAGE PWD
- ENABLE THEM TO LIVE MEANINGFUL AND PURPOSEFUL LIVES
- TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
- CAREER ADVANCEMENT FOR PROFESSIONALS IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE AND RELATED DISCIPLINES.

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SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

THE NATIONAL DEMENTIA ASSOCIATIONS,
ALZHEIMER'S SA AND DEMENTIA SA,
BOTH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
(NGOS).

DO PROVIDE INFORMAL EDUCATION AND
SUPPORT FOR CARERS AND PURSUE ACTIVIST
ROLES TO IMPROVE BOTH POLICY AND SERVICES.



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