

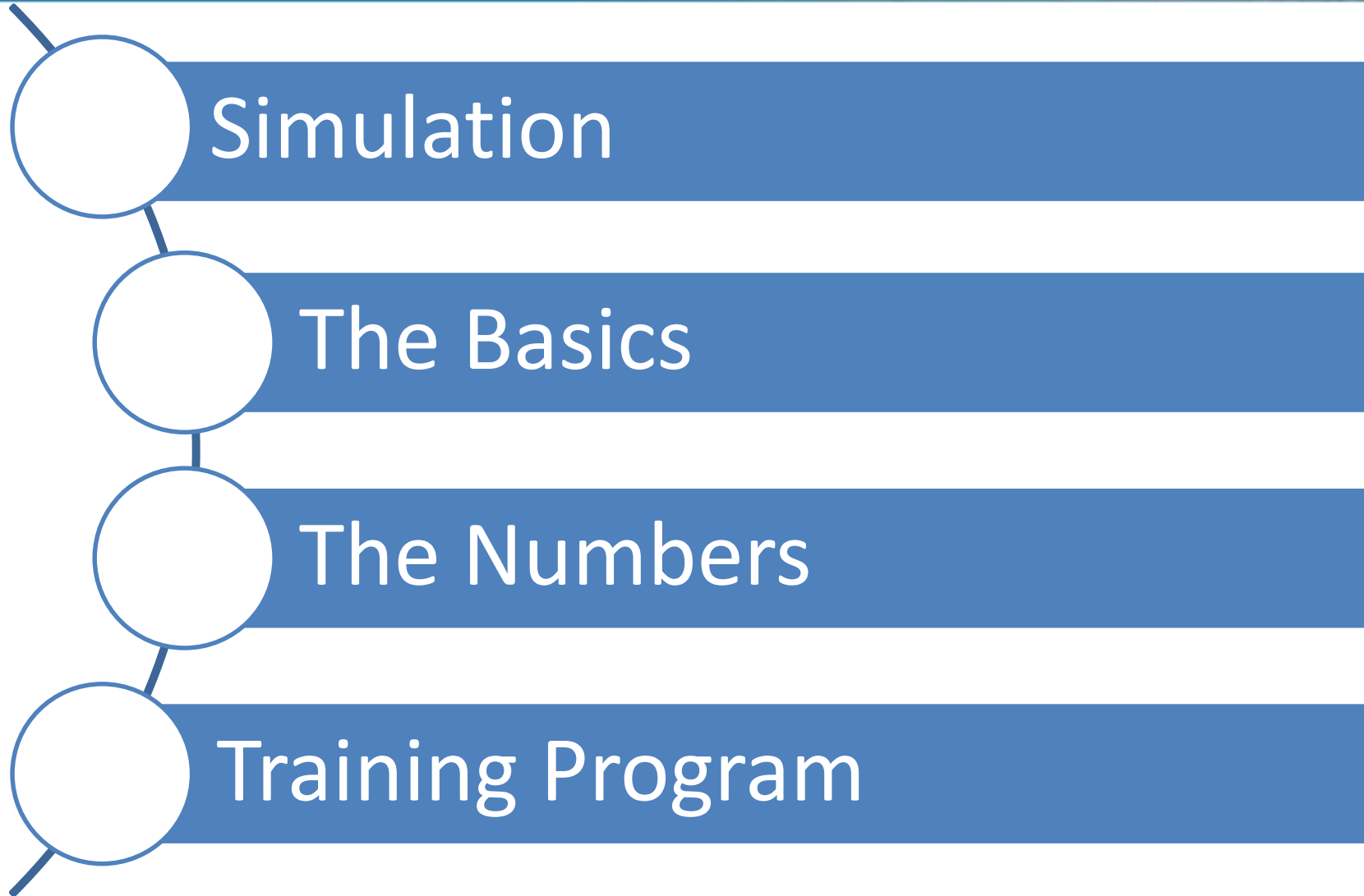
Addressing the Unique Needs of a Person with Dementia in Acute Care

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Relias

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NORTH CAROLINA *Chapter*

Agenda

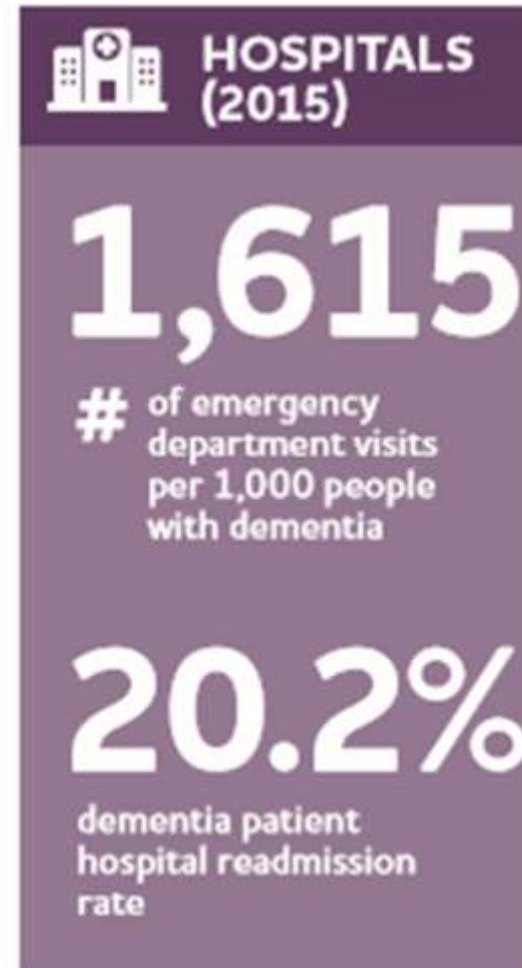
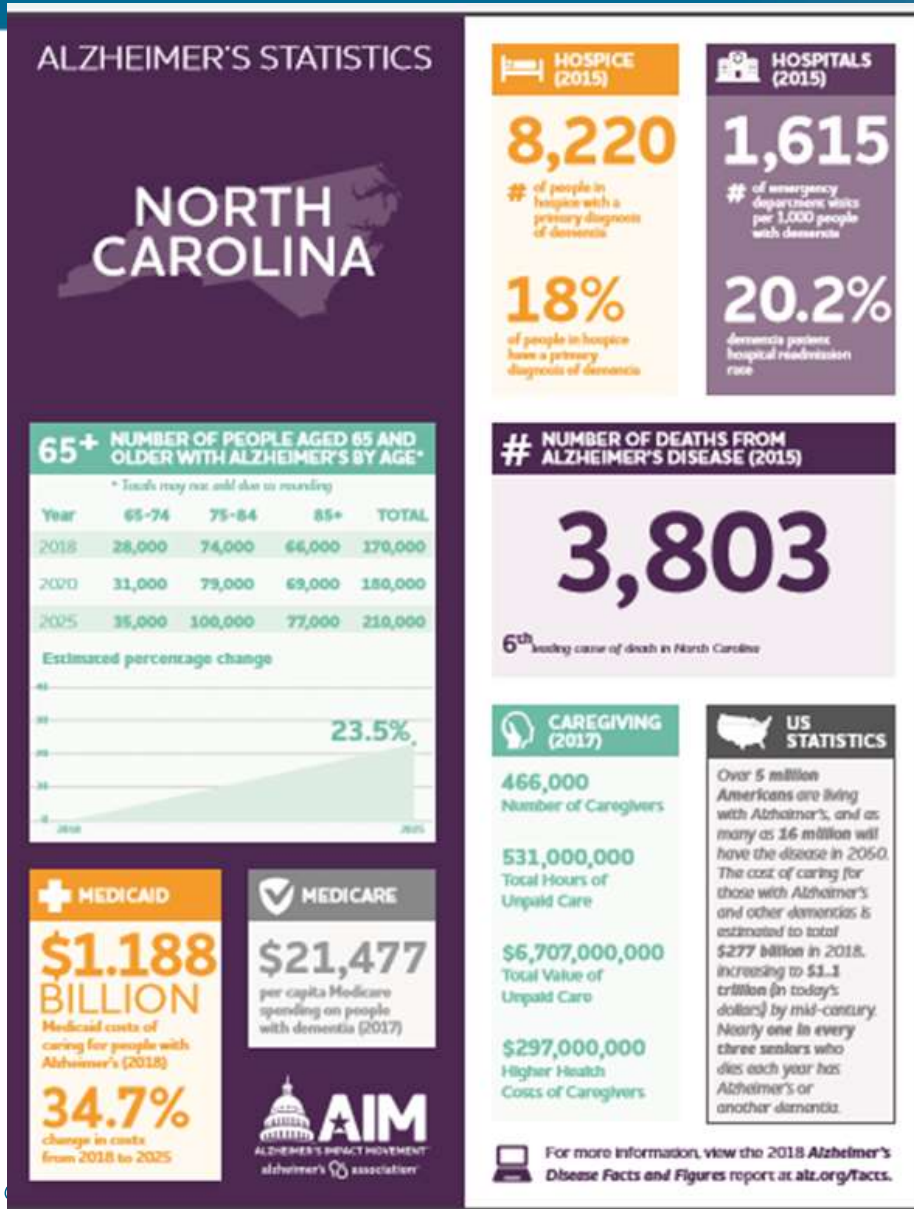


Emergency Room Simulation



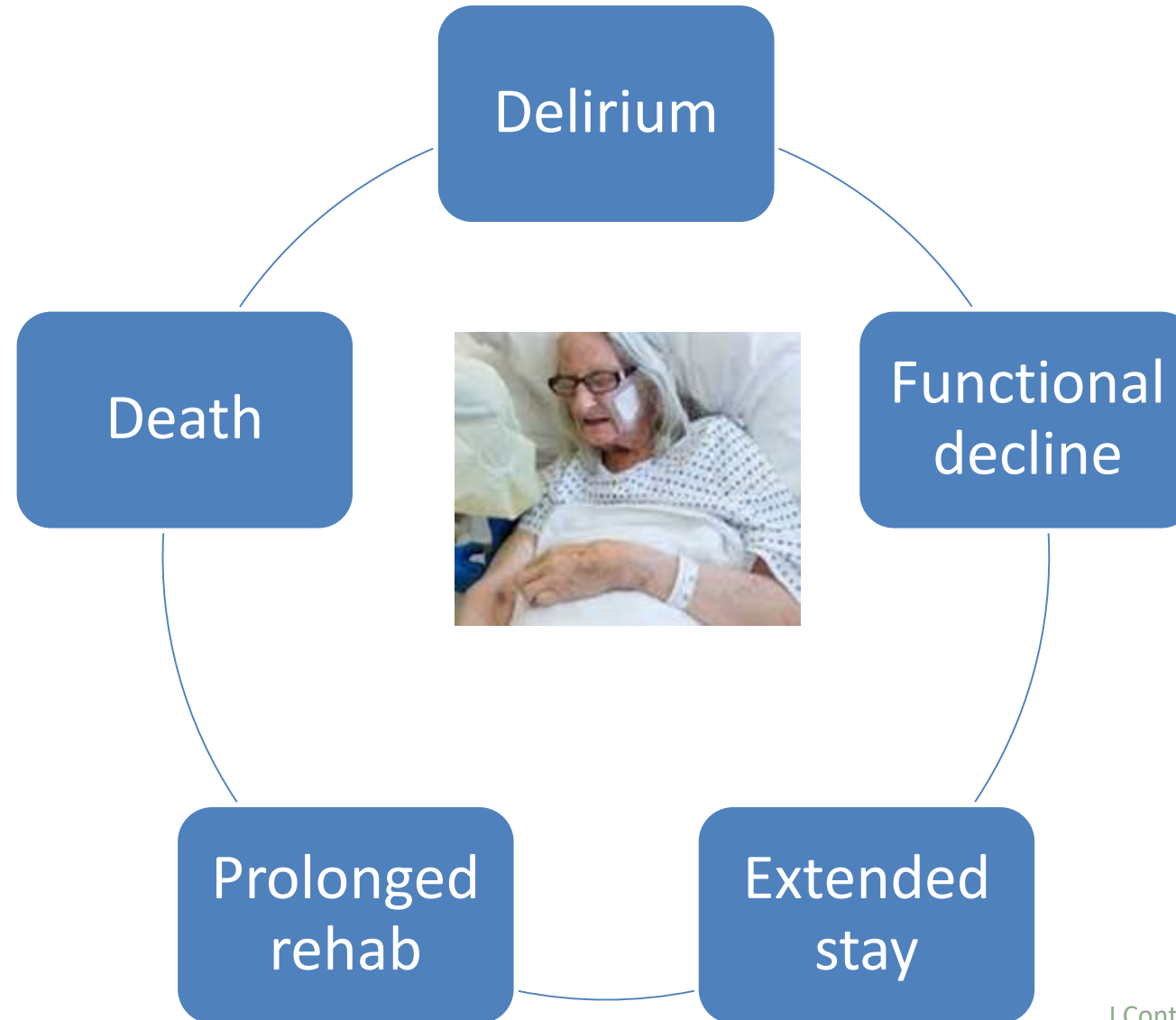
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Dementia by the Numbers in NC



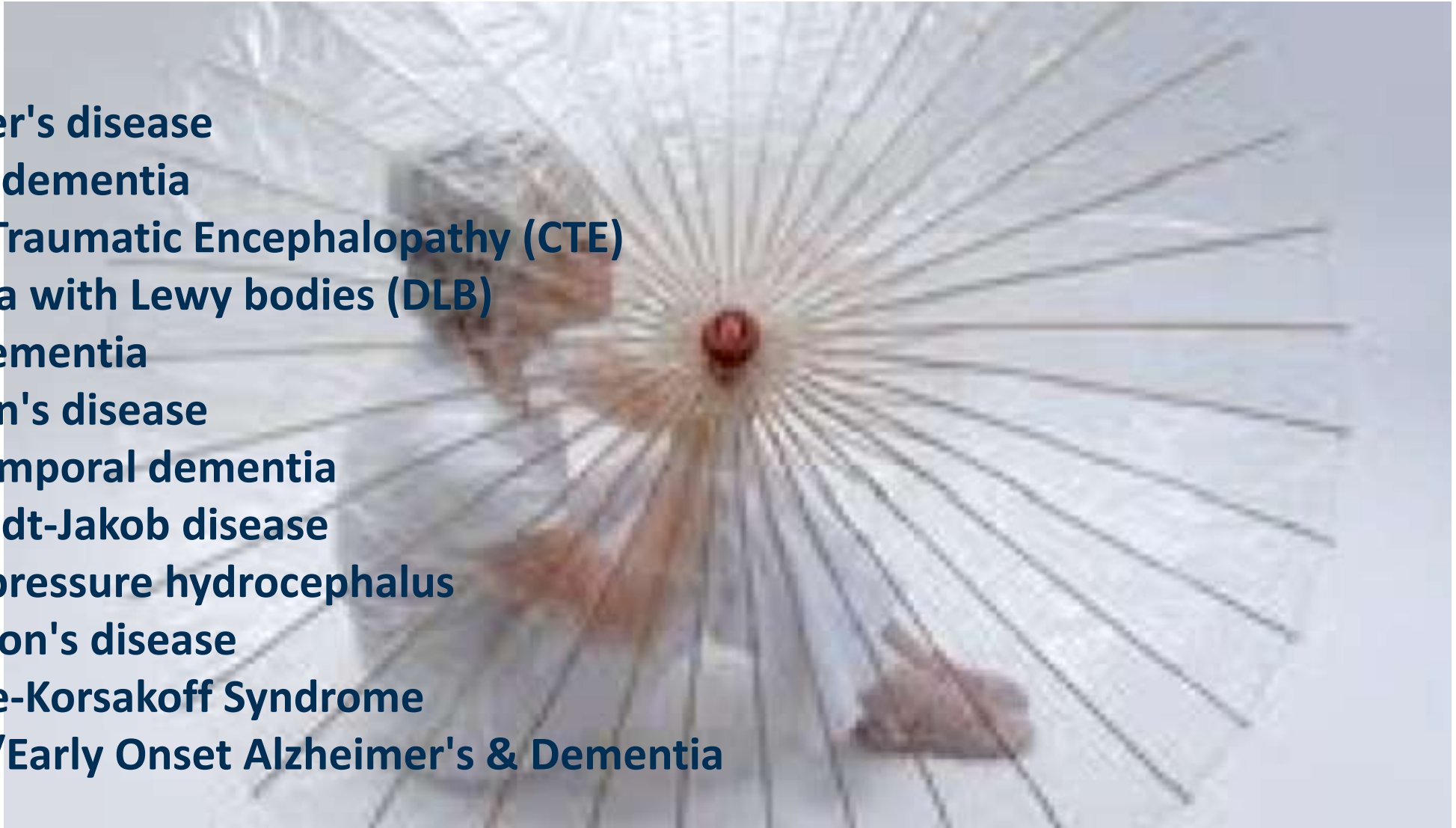
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Dementia Patients are at Higher Risk



Dementia: The Basics

- Alzheimer's disease
- Vascular dementia
- Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)
- Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)
- Mixed dementia
- Parkinson's disease
- Frontotemporal dementia
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
- Normal pressure hydrocephalus
- Huntington's disease
- Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome
- Younger/Early Onset Alzheimer's & Dementia



Empathy Training



Effective Communication Techniques



Dementia Related Behaviors



<https://ageucate.com/>

Dementia vs Delirium

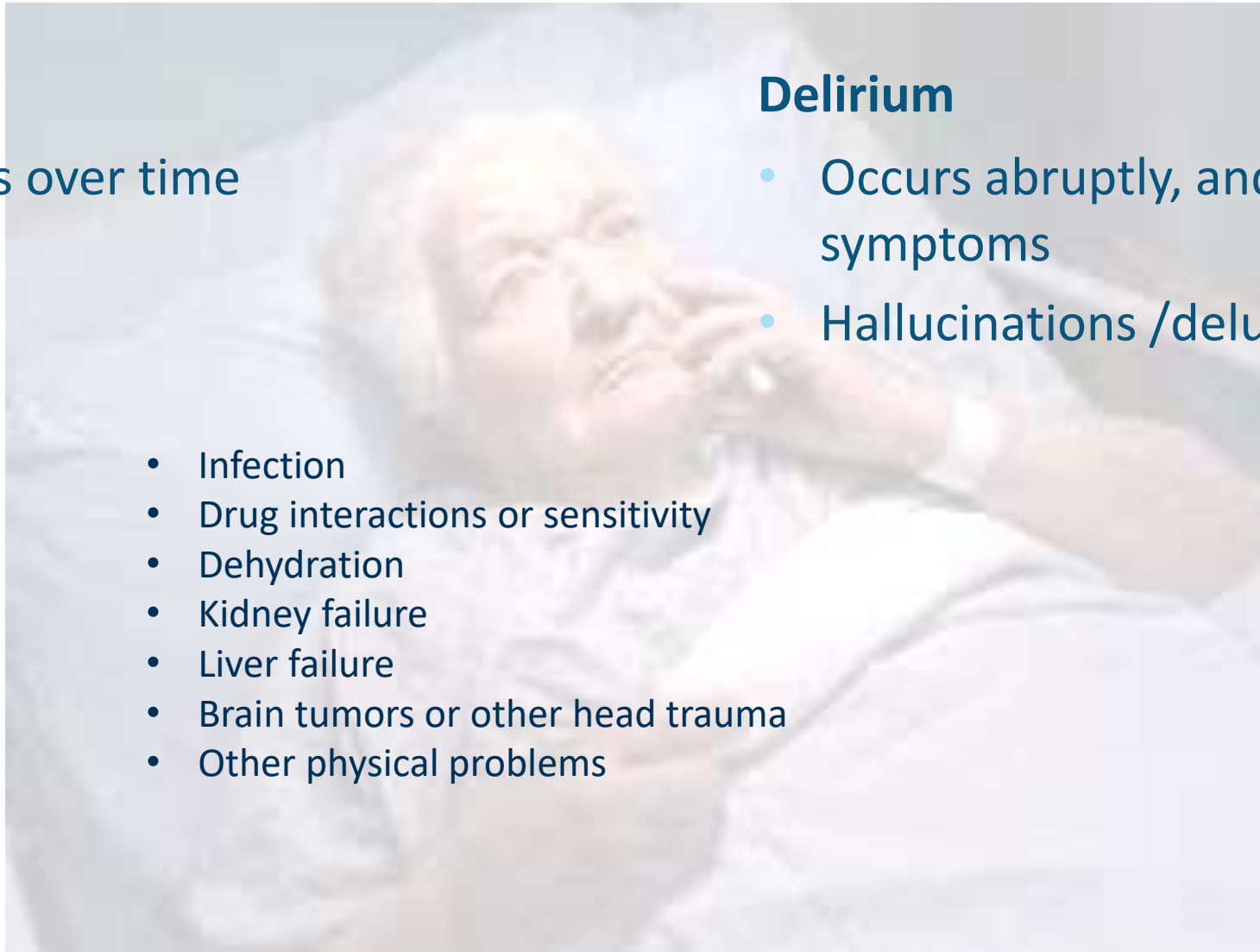
Dementia

- Develops over time

Delirium

- Occurs abruptly, and fluctuating symptoms
- Hallucinations /delusions

- Infection
- Drug interactions or sensitivity
- Dehydration
- Kidney failure
- Liver failure
- Brain tumors or other head trauma
- Other physical problems





Eating Well in the Hospital

Wandering in the Acute Setting



Preferred name: _____

Language: _____

Key family contact: _____

Glasses

Dentures

Hearing Aids

Behaviors of concern: _____

How person communicates and expresses emotions:



Supporting Family Members

Stimulation Activities for People with Dementia

- Fidget blankets
- Musical instruments
- Simple puzzles
- Sensory
- Tactile
- Reminiscence
- Art
- Games
- Bubbles



Benefits of an Informed and Effective Acute Care Workforce



Purple Angel Wristband Project



Dementia Champions



Dementia Training Program Topics

Disease Awareness

Communication
and
Understanding
Behavior

Social Needs and
Activities

Eating Well

Reducing Pain

Reducing Falls

Wandering

Restraint-Free
Care

End-of-Life Care

Relias Solutions



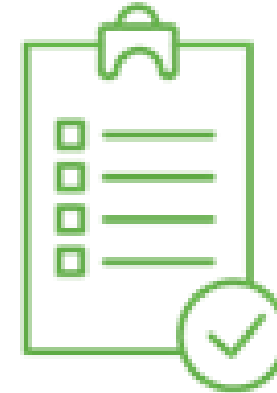
Improve Staff Performance

- Hospital Acquired Infections
- Hospital Readmission Reduction



Relias Certification Program

- Dementia Care
- Hospice Care



Pre-hire and Post-hire assessments

- CNA Dementia
- CNA Hospice/Palliative
- RN/LPN Dementia
- RN/LPN Hospice