**Dementia:**

-group of related symptoms such as Parkinson’s/Huntington’s/Alzheimer’s ECT.  
ongoing decline in cognitive and motor skills  
Detriments: thinking/memory, Language, Judgement  
Affects 20% of people over 80  
Pandemic in the making due to ageing population in UK  
Largely in MEDC's due to ageing population and low mortality rates. in LEDC's & Africa people die before time for symptoms to set in.  
USA, UK & Venezuela =  highest thought due to certain genetics  
Caused 0.7% of all deaths in 2002  
people with the disease generally die within 6-8 years after diagnosis.  
   
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