Younger Onset Dementia Resources



Dementia Support Organisations and Services

Dementia Australia

www.dementia.org.au

Wide range of resources, courses, counselling and support, including post diagnostic support to assist with accessing NDIS funding.

• Helpline: 1800 100 500 | Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm (except public holidays)

Specific links:

- Younger Onset Dementia Hub: yod.dementia.org.au/
- Family engagement counselling for YOD: www.dementia.org.au/get-support/family-engagement-counselling-younger-onset-dementia
- Counselling support: www.dementia.org.au/get-support/counselling
- Post-diagnostic Support: www.dementia.org.au/get-support/post-diagnostic-support
- Dementia Guide: www.dementia.org.au/get-support/dementia-guide
- Free access to digital books and resources: www.dementia.org.au/get-support/dementia-australia-library

Alzheimer's WA

www.alzheimerswa.org.au/

Provide services, support, advocacy, resources education and training for people living with Dementia and their families • Phone: 1300 66 77 88

Dementia Support Australia

www.dementia.com.au

Support for navigating changes in behaviour related to dementia

• Helpline: 1800 699 799 | (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

McCusker Nurse

www.amanaliving.com.au/other-care-services/dementia-care/mccusker-nurse

Free service provided by experienced registered nurses, specialising in dementia, who can provide home visits and offer advice, support and reassurance; accurate information on resources available to you; and guide you to the dementia services most likely to help you.

- Email: mccuskernurse@amanaliving.com.au
- Phone: (08) 9424 6396

Forward with Dementia Website

www.forwardwithdementia.org

A resource following a diagnosis of Dementia for up-to-date information from clinicians and researchers, practical suggestions and stories from people with dementia and carers, and tools for people manage living with dementia.

Young Dementia Network WA

Established in 2017, the Network has been shaped by a core group of carers to facilitate sharing of information, resources, lived experiences, support and practical help, social connection, and meet ups through events and other activities.

- Private Facebook page to request to join, click on the link and answer the questions www.facebook.com/groups/130789124306677/
- www.dementia.org.au/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities/dementia-friendly-community-groups/young-dementia
- Contact: Vicki Barry | Phone: 0409 045 373 | Email: vicki.barry21@iinet.net.au

Diagnostic Services

Neurosciences Unit - North Metropolitan Health Services

www.nmhs.health.wa.gov.au/Hospitals-and-Services/Mental-Health/Specialties/Neuro

The Neurosciences Assessment and Care Clinic (NACC) is an assessment and clinical management program for patients with a diagnosed or strongly suspected young-onset neurodegenerative condition (age of onset below age 65). Referrals into this clinic are for Neurology review. If considered relevant to the clinical management, patients may subsequently also be eligible to access input from Psychiatry, Social Work, Speech Pathology, and Clinical Neuropsychology.

- **Phone**: (08) 6159 6464
- Fax: (08) 9385 6813
- Email: Graylands.Neurosciences@health.wa.gov.au
- Location: Neurosciences Unit, Cnr Mooro Drive & John XXIII Avenue, Mount Claremont WA 6010

Private Neurology Services

Discuss with GP options for a Private Dementia Nurse with experience in Younger Onset Dementia.

Nursing Services

Neurological Council of WA - Neurocare Nurse

www.ncwa.com.au/help-for-you/ndis

Community neurological nurses providing high quality, patient-centred neurological nursing and health care navigation services to people of all ages living with any neurological condition or symptoms.

- Phone: 1800 645 771
- Email: hello@ncwa.com.au

Private Dementia Specialist Nurses

Discuss with GP options for a Private Neurologists with experience in Younger Onset Dementia.

Support for Carers

Carers WA

www.carerswa.asn.au/

Services include the provision of specialist information and advice, resources, carer support, counselling and respite.

- Carers WA General Line: 1300 227 377
- Carer Gateway Services: 1800 422 737

Continence Services

Therapy Focus – Community Aged Care Continence Services

www.nmhs.health.wa.gov.au/Hospitals-and-Services/Mental-Health/Specialties/Neuro

Bladder and Bowel Health Program focuses on prevention and management of bladder and bowel health issues, with qualified health professionals providing advice, assessment and continence management strategies.

• Phone: 1300 135 373

Information for Children about Dementia

Dementia in my Family website

dementiainmyfamily.org.au/

Online and interactive resources for children of all ages about Dementia and suggestions for relevant books

Brightwater Resource for children and adolescents of people living with YOD

brightwatergroup.com/research/current-completed-research/keeping-us-in-mind

Dementia Enabling Environments

Dementia Enabling Environments Project

www.enablingenvironments.com.au

Virtual Information Centre provides practical tips, guides and resources.

Adapting Your Home Free guide and checklist

www.enablingenvironments.com.au/downloads.html DEEP (Alzheimer's WA)

DEEF (AIZHEIMEI S WA)

My home, my life book

www.hammond.com.au/shop/dementia-and-aged-care/my-home-my-life

Practical ideas for people with dementia and carers. Colm Cunningham, Natalie Duggan & Agnes Houston. Available through Hammond Care for \$19.99

Dementia and Sensory Changes

Talking Sense book

www.dementiacentre.com/resources/resource-category-2/74-talking-sense?filter[tag][]=dementia-and-aged-care Living with sensory changes and dementia. Agnes Houston & Julie Christie. Free download or hard copy available.

Understanding Sensory Changes in Dementia video

m.youtube.com/watch?v=KHUijkp-kj0

Falls Prevention

Stay on Your Feet www.injurymatters.org.au/programs/stay-on-your-feet/

Falls prevention resources.

• Phone: 08 6166 7688

Community Safety

Safe & Found WA

www.safeandfound.org.au

An initiative introduced by Western Australia Police Force (WA Police Force) and Australia Medic Alert Foundation that supports people living with dementia or a cognitive impairment who might be at risk of becoming lost or reported as missing, by ensuring Police have immediate access to critical information to assist when undertaking search operations.

Assistive Technology - Indigo

www.indigosolutions.org.au

Specific advice for up-to-date technology (mobile personal pendant, GPS tracking devices etc) can be accessed through Indigo in Perth who offer a free 30-minute phone consultation.

- Email: help@indigosolutions.org.au
- Phone: 9381 0600
- Address: The Niche, Suite A, 11 Aberdare Road, Nedlands, WA, 6009 (Entrance on Hospital Ave.)

Dementia Activity Resources

Activities for Care

activitiesforcare.com.au/

Dementia Shop Australia

dementiashop.com.au/product/montessori-methods-for-dementia/

Dementia Education

Wicking Centre, University of Tasmania

mooc.utas.edu.au/

- Free online courses
- Understanding Dementia Course
- Preventing Dementia Course

Dementia Training Australia

dta.com.au/ Dementia courses and resources

Dementia Australia

Dementia Australia Courses and Groups for people living with Dementia, families and carers

- www.eventbrite.com.au/o/dementia-australia-6584917001
- www.dementia.org.au/professionals/professional-development-and-training/courses

