

Clinical appraisal of genetics in dementia

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Dementia is a syndrome characterized by multiple impairment in cognitive functions without impairment in consciousness. The cognitive functions that can be affected in dementia include general intelligence, learning and memory, language, problem solving, orientation, perception, attention and concentration, judgment and social abilities. This work also reviewed classification of dementing diseases, DSM-IV classification of various types of dementia, epidemiology and assessment techniques of dementia. Pick disease constitutes about 5% of all irreversible dementias. Contrary to Parkinson disease, early assertions, cognitive impairment is now recognized as a frequent concomitant of Parkinson disease. Dementia occurs in 25 - 40% of PD cases depending on criteria and source, and it may be more common in those patients without prominent tremors. (Author /FT).