

Geriatric 4Ms

MENTATION AND MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

Goals



- ▶ Define mild cognitive impairment
- ▶ Report epidemiology of MCI
- ▶ Identify MCI risk
- ▶ Diagnose MCI
- ▶ Treat MCI

MCI definition: a syndrome



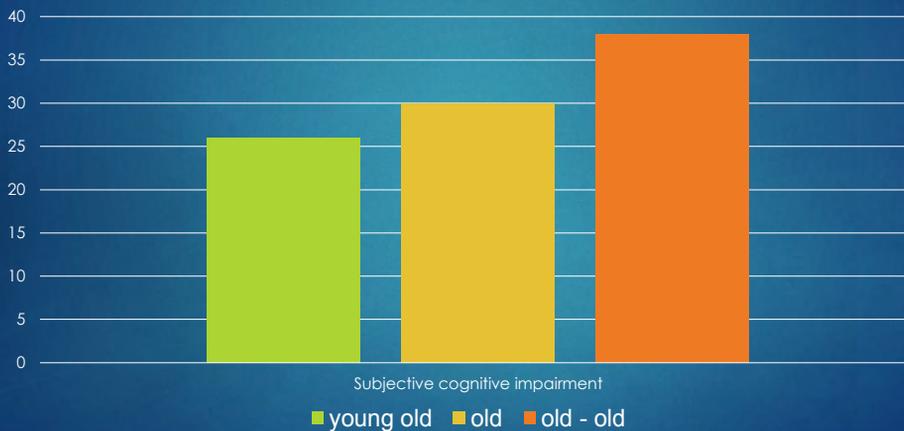
Subjective cognitive problems
(amnesic MCI if memory)

Objective cognitive decline in
one or more domains

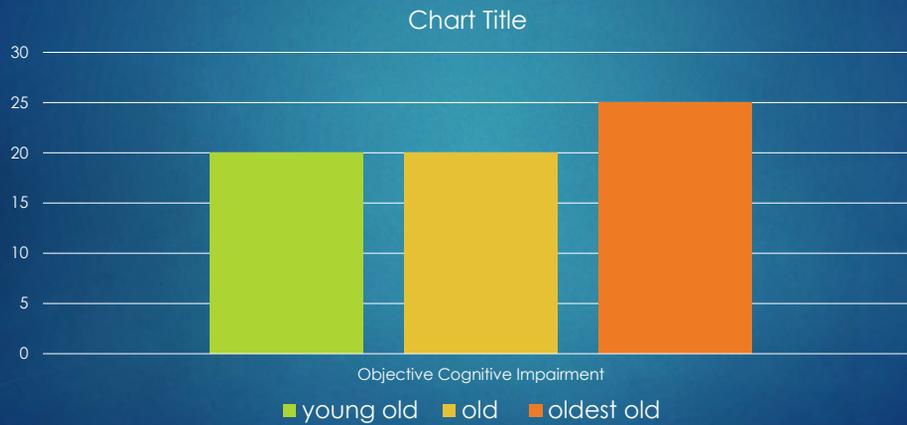
Preserved ADLs / IADLS

No dementia

Prevalence of subjective cognitive impairment

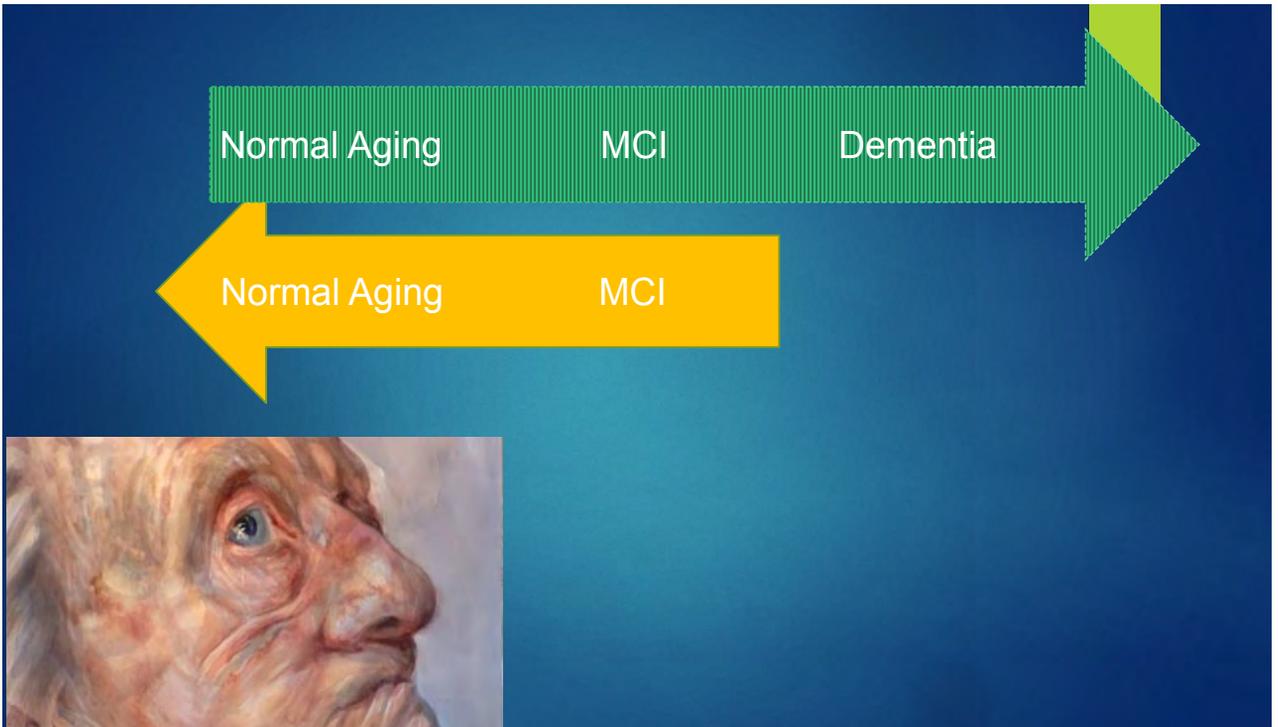


Prevalence of objective cognitive impairment (memory and / or other



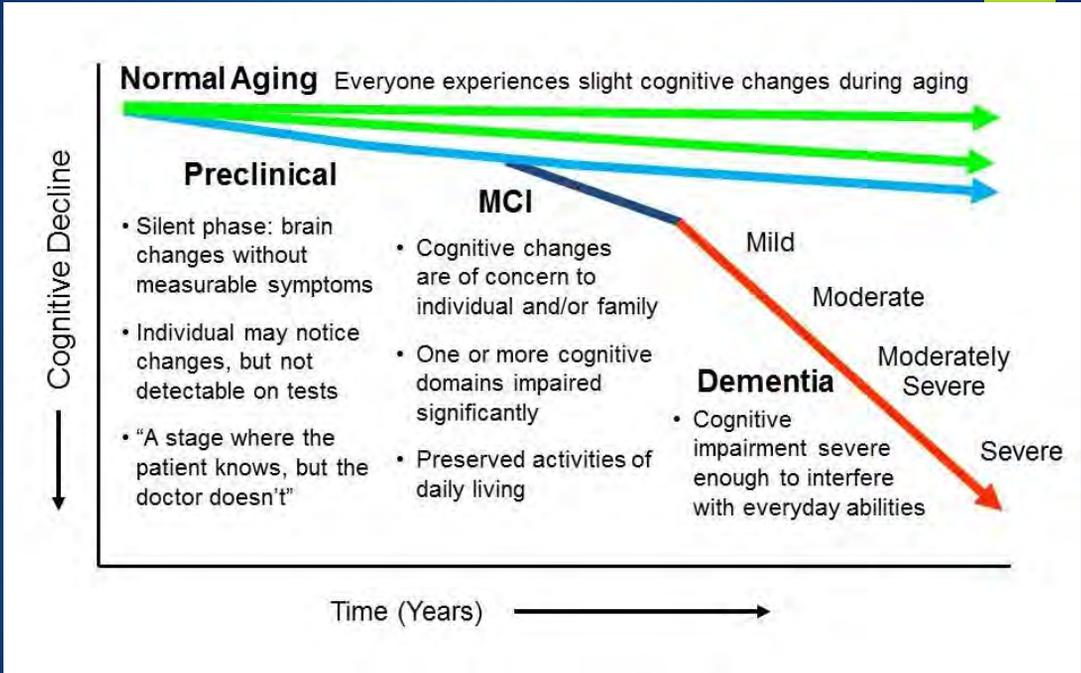
Prevalence

- ▶ 5 – 37 % when subjectively assessed
- ▶ 2 – 20 % when objectively evaluated
- ▶ No gender differences
- ▶ African Americans higher
- ▶ Diabetics higher

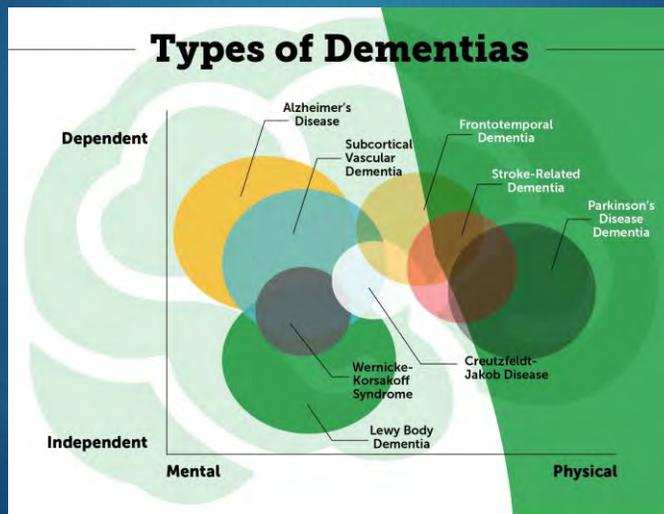


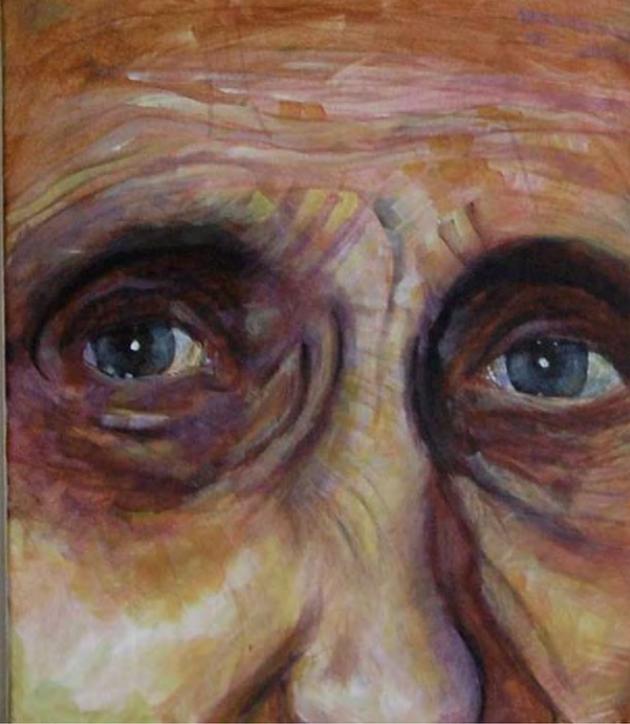
Rate of MCI progression to dementia

- ▶ 10 % per year (5 – 16 %)
- ▶ Conversion occurs mostly in years 2 - 3 rather than 4 - 5



MCI is Heterogenous





What predicts MCI conversion to dementia ?

- ▶ Age
- ▶ Abnormal neuropsych tests
 - ▶ Delayed verbal recall
 - ▶ Visual recognition memory
 - ▶ IADL deficits



Psychological predictors

- ▶ Depression
- ▶ Apathy
- ▶ Anxiety
- ▶ Dysphoria



Physical performance predictors

SLOW GAIT (2X RISK)
MOTORIC COGNITIVE RISK SYNDROME
10 % OLDER ADULT POPULATION

Olfactory dysfunction



Brief Smell Identification Test Lower quartile performers:

- aMCI patients → dementia risk 5X
- Normal patients → MCI 2X

Do biomarkers identify risk of MCI conversion to dementia ?



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Linked to dementia and MCI but not
MCI → Dementia

Disease linkages ?



Metabolic syndrome HR 4.25

Diabetes HR 2.5

CSF Biomarkers

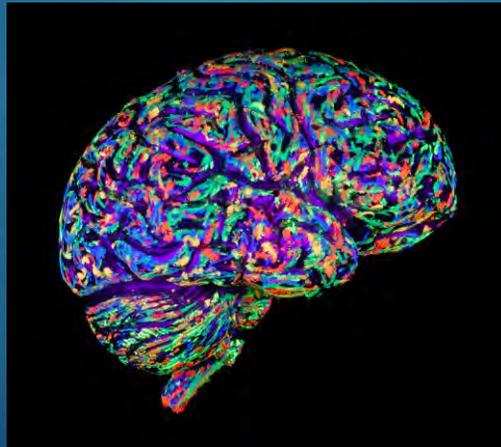


Tau or Phospho Tau
(Thr 181)

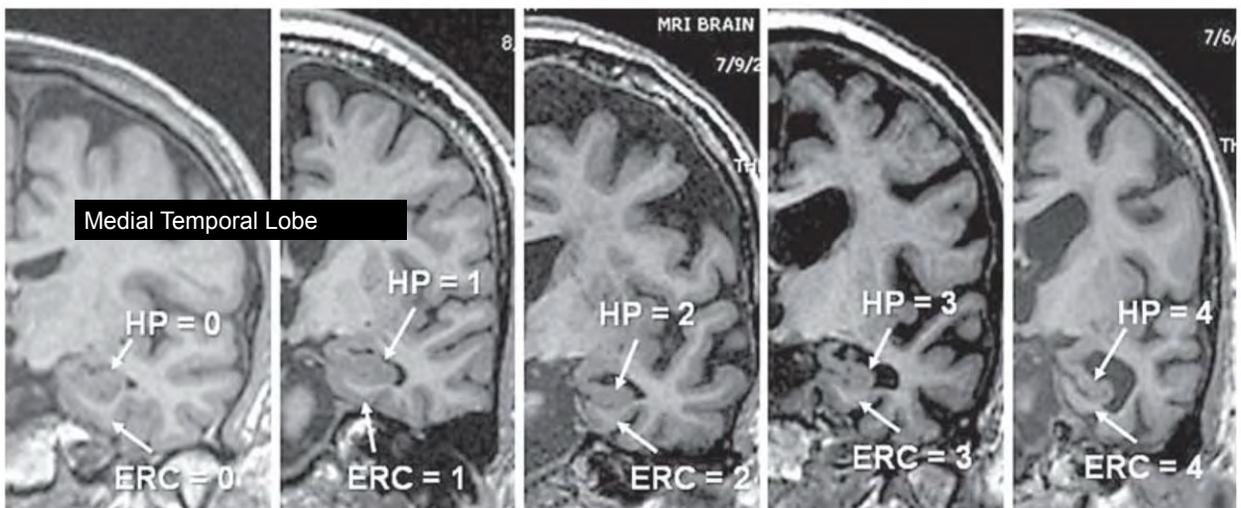
Low amyloid beta 42



Neuroimaging in MCI



MRI : Temporal lobe atrophy



FDG – PET and Functional MRI for regional brain hypometabolism



PET + impaired episodic memory
→ 11.7X conversion rate

Amyloid PET: tracer retention
predicts conversion to AD

Tau PET: experimental

Diagnostic work up

Look for reversible causes of cognitive dysfunction

- ▶ Medication side effects
- ▶ Obstructive sleep apnea
- ▶ Depression
- ▶ Vitamin B12 deficiency
- ▶ Hypothyroidism

Treatment

Aggressive treatment of CV risk factors

- ▶ Hypertension (SPRINT TRIAL)
- ▶ Cholesterol management

Treatment

- ▶ Nutrition: Mediterranean or MIND diet
- ▶ Physical activity
 - ▶ MCI patients gain 1 point on cognitive exam post aerobic training
- ▶ Cognitive training programs



Treatment

DUAL TASK TRAINING FOR POSTURAL STABILITY

Not recommended

- ▶ Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors
 - ▶ No impact on conversion, high GI side effects
- ▶ NSAIDs
 - ▶ Despite lower risk of AD with chronic NSAID use, a rofecoxib study showed not effect in MCI patients.

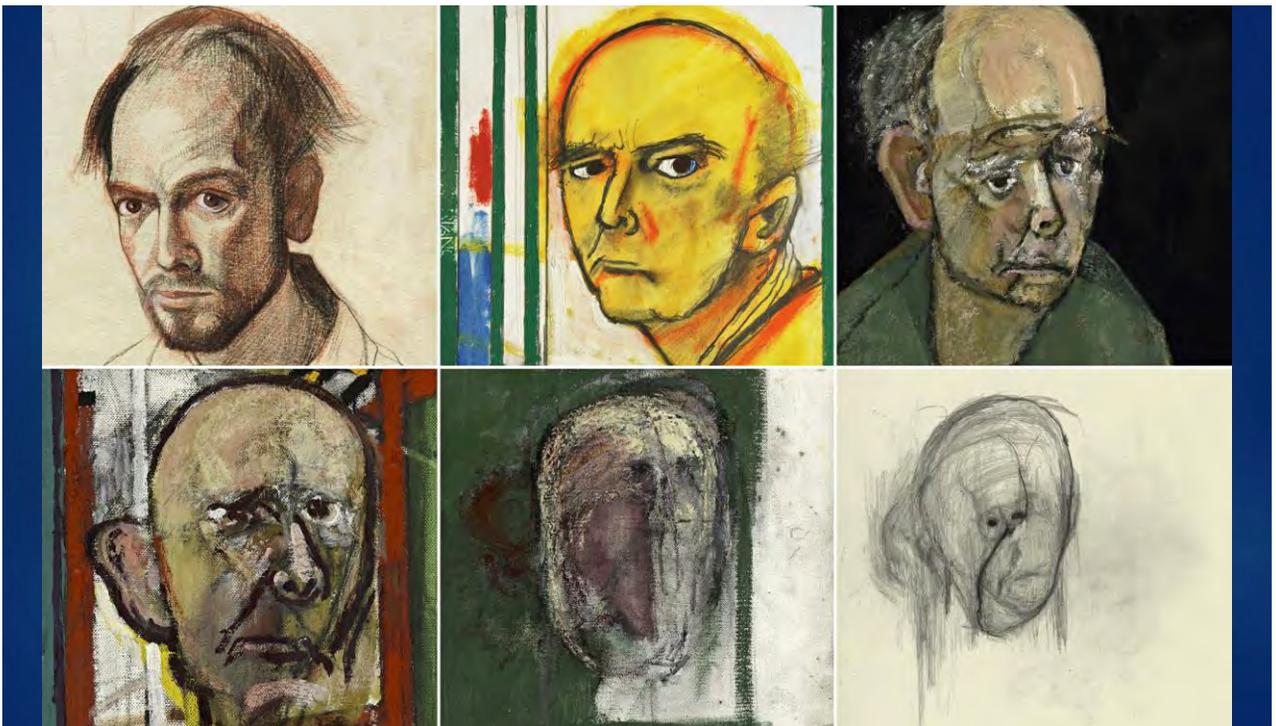
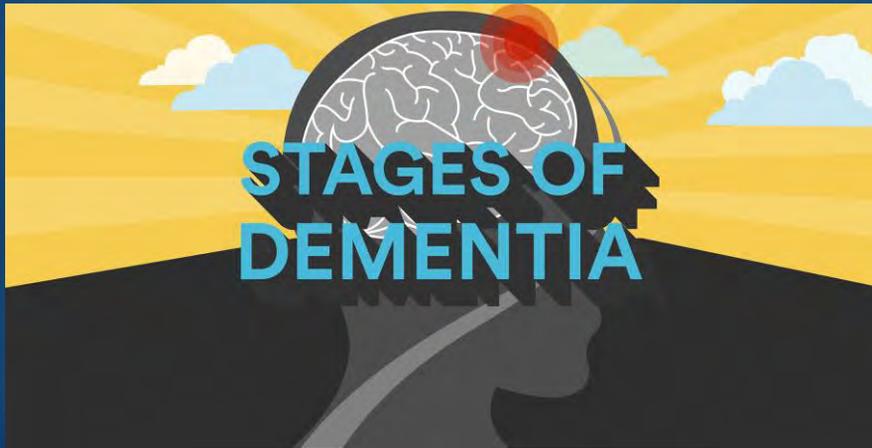
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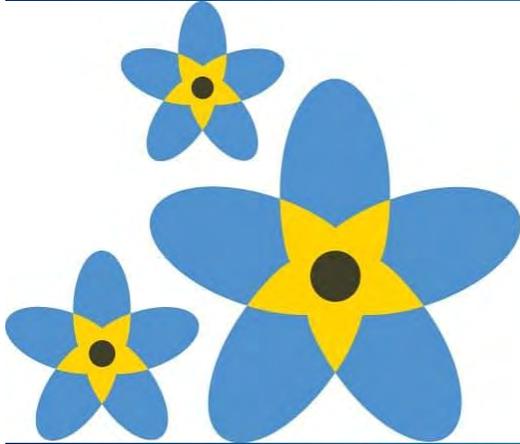
- ▶ Ginkgo Biloba: RCT showed no benefit
- ▶ Phospholipids: mixed results
- ▶ Fish (omega) oils: no effect
- ▶ High dose vitamin B complex: no effect

Promising

- ▶ Intranasal insulin for aMCI
- ▶ GHRH
- ▶ Curcumin in cognitively intact
 - ▶ Verbal memory
 - ▶ Visual memory
 - ▶ Attention (Trail A test)







Working to become
**Dementia
Friendly**