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Question

For individuals receiving a diagnosis of dementia (and their carers), what is the impact of undergoing assessment and diagnosis in one session, compared with having time between assessment and diagnosis, on psychological well-being and adjustment to diagnosis?

Clarification of question using PICO structure (PICTRO for diagnostic questions)

Patients: Individuals at the point of diagnosis of dementia and/or their carers

Intervention: assessment and diagnosis in single session

Comparator: time lapse between assessment and diagnosis (two sessions)

Outcome: psychological wellbeing and adjustment to diagnosis.

Clinical and research implications

No directly relevant studies were found to answer this question.

What does the evidence say?

Number of included studies/reviews (number of participants)
No directly relevant studies were identified.

Main Findings n/a

Authors Conclusions n/a

Reliability of conclusions/Strength of evidence n/a

What do guidelines say?

No directly relevant UK based guidelines were identified.

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Search Details

Source	Search Strategy	Number of hits	Relevant evidence identified
SRs and Guidelines			
NICE	"rapid assessment" OR (assessment AND diagnosis) AND (Alzheimer* OR dementia)	63	0
DARE	1 assess* 40286 2 diagnos* 11864 3 #1 AND #2 10612 4 alzheimer* 399 5 dement* 587 6 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Alzheimer Disease EXPLODE ALL TREES 239 7 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Delirium, Dementia, Amnestic, Cognitive Disorders EXPLODE ALL TREES 557 8 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Dementia EXPLODE ALL TREES 415 9 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Dementia, Multi-Infarct EXPLODE ALL TREES 0 10 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Dementia, Vascular EXPLODE ALL TREES 15 11 MeSH DESCRIPTOR Lewy Body Disease EXPLODE ALL TREES 3 12 #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 887 13 #3 AND #12 284	284	0
Primary studies	·	•	
CENTRAL	#1 (dementia):ti,ab,kw or (alzheimer*):ti,ab,kw 6756 edit delete #2 (assessment):ti,ab,kw or (screening):ti,ab,kw or (diagnosis):ti,ab,kw or (session):ti,ab,kw or (clinic):ti,ab,kw 129250 edit delete		0

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	#3 (time):ti,ab,kw or (timing):ti,ab,kw or		
	(delay):ti,ab,kw or (lapse):ti,ab,kw or		
	(separate):ti,ab,kw 177986 edit delete		
	#4 (#1 AND #2 AND #3) 659 edit delete		
MEDLINE	70. MEDLINE; exp DEMENTIA/; 105601 results.	133	
	71. MEDLINE; dementia.ti,ab; 56442 results.		
	73. MEDLINE; 70 OR 71 OR 72; 142516 results.		
	72. MEDLINE; alzheimer*.ti,ab; 76991 results.		
	75. MEDLINE; diagnosis.ti,ab; 925945 results.		
	76. MEDLINE; 73 AND 74 AND 75; 1799 results.		
	77. MEDLINE; (time OR timing).ti,ab; 1779412 results.		
	74. MEDLINE; assessment.ti,ab; 481807 results.		
	79. MEDLINE; (delay OR wait).ti,ab; 113683 results.		
	80. MEDLINE; (between OR separate).ti,ab; 3410042		
	results.		
	81. MEDLINE; (sessions OR appointments).ti,ab;		
	59053 results.		
	82. MEDLINE; 77 OR 78 OR 79 OR 80 OR 81; 7271569		
	results.		
	83. MEDLINE; (interview OR consultation).ti,ab;		
	114624 results.		
	84. MEDLINE; 82 OR 83; 7322274 results.		
	78. MEDLINE; (one OR two).ti,ab; 4392497 results.		
	85. MEDLINE; 76 and 84; 1182 results.		
	86. MEDLINE; "randomized controlled trial".pt;		
	329912 results.		
	87. MEDLINE; "controlled clinical trial".pt; 84322		
	results.		
	89. MEDLINE; random*.ab; 585789 results.		
	88. MEDLINE; placebo.ab; 136875 results.		

	91. MEDLINE; CLINICAL TRIALS AS TOPIC/; 160681		
	results.		
	92. MEDLINE; 86 OR 87 OR 88 OR 89 OR 90 OR 91;		
	929852 results.		
	93. MEDLINE; exp ANIMALS/ NOT HUMANS/;		
	3732614 results.		
	94. MEDLINE; 92 NOT 93; 849812 results.		
	90. MEDLINE; trial.ti; 105505 results.		
	95. MEDLINE; 85 and 94; 133 results.		
EMBASE	39. EMBASE; exp DEMENTIA/; 190956 results.	256	
	41. EMBASE; alzheimer*.ti,ab; 97169 results.		
	42. EMBASE; 39 OR 40 OR 41; 213570 results.		
	43. EMBASE; assessment.ti,ab; 610862 results.		
	44. EMBASE; diagnosis.ti,ab; 1148297 results.		
	45. EMBASE; 42 AND 43 AND 44; 2817 results.		
	46. EMBASE; (time OR timing).ti,ab; 2095193 results.		
	47. EMBASE; (one OR two).ti,ab; 4986394 results.		
	48. EMBASE; (delay OR wait).ti,ab; 133917 results.		
	49. EMBASE; (between OR separate).ti,ab; 3927956		
	results.		
	50. EMBASE; (sessions OR appointments).ti,ab; 74310		
	results.		
	51. EMBASE; 46 OR 47 OR 48 OR 49 OR 50; 8284698		
	results.		
	40. EMBASE; dementia.ti,ab; 73871 results.		
	53. EMBASE; 51 OR 52; 8342423 results.		
	54. EMBASE; 45 and 53; 1881 results.		
	52. EMBASE; (interview OR consultation).ti,ab;		
	138515 results.		
	55. EMBASE; random*.tw; 728950 results.		

	57. EMBASE; placebo*.tw; 174830 results.	
	58. EMBASE; (crossover* OR cross-over*).tw; 61097	
	results.	
	59. EMBASE; (doubl* adj3 blind*).tw; 128075 results.	
	60. EMBASE; (singl* adj3 blind*).tw; 14079 results.	
	61. EMBASE; assign*.tw; 203223 results.	
	62. EMBASE; allocat*.tw; 68194 results.	
	63. EMBASE; volunteer*.tw; 156236 results.	
	56. EMBASE; factorial*.tw; 18866 results.	
	65. EMBASE; DOUBLE-BLIND PROCEDURE/; 109131	
	results.	
	66. EMBASE; SINGLE-BLIND PROCEDURE/; 15953	
	results.	
	67. EMBASE; RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL/;	
	323003 results.	
	68. EMBASE; 55 OR 56 OR 57 OR 58 OR 59 OR 60 OR	
	61 OR 62 OR 63 OR 64 OR 65 OR 66 OR 67; 1202881	
	results.	
	64. EMBASE; CROSSOVER PROCEDURE/; 34020	
	results.	
	69. EMBASE; 54 AND 68; 256 results.	
PsychINFO	1. PsycINFO; exp DEMENTIA/; 44768 results.	205
	2. PsycINFO; dementia.ti,ab; 36878 results.	
	3. PsycINFO; alzheimer*.ti,ab; 33322 results.	
	4. PsycINFO; 1 OR 2 OR 3; 57569 results.	
	5. PsycINFO; assessment.ti,ab; 170359 results.	
	6. PsycINFO; diagnosis.ti,ab; 93375 results.	
	7. PsycINFO; 4 AND 5 AND 6; 1315 results.	
	8. PsycINFO; (time OR timing).ti,ab; 358173 results.	
	9. PsycINFO; (one OR two).ti,ab; 742216 results.	

Summary	NA	NA
	38. PsycINFO; 34 AND 37; 205 results.	
	37. PsycINFO; 7 and 36; 741 results.	
	36. PsycINFO; 13 OR 35; 1589462 results.	
	84569 results.	
	35. PsycINFO; (interview OR consultation).ti,ab;	
	29. PsycINFO; EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN/; 8248 results.	
	30 OR 31 OR 32 OR 33; 499757 results.	
	34. PsycINFO; 24 OR 25 OR 26 OR 27 OR 28 OR 29 OR	
	22056 results.	
	33. PsycINFO; "treatment outcome clinical trial".md;	
	32. PsycINFO; trial.ti,ab; 57782 results.	
	31. PsycINFO; (clinical adj3 study).ti,ab; 6840 results.	
	30. PsycINFO; controlled.ti,ab; 68535 results.	
	25. PsycINFO; random*.ti,ab; 109745 results.	
	28. PsycINFO; (singl* adj3 blind*).ti,ab; 1352 results.	
	results.	
	27. PsycINFO; (doubl* adj3 blind*).ti,ab; 16349	
	26. PsycINFO; groups*.ti,ab; 325411 results.	
	24. PsycINFO; CLINICAL TRIALS/; 6112 results.	
	14. PsycINFO; 7 AND 13; 709 results.	
	results.	
	13. PsycINFO; 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12; 1552408	
	49889 results.	
	12. PsycINFO; (sessions OR appointments).ti,ab;	
	results.	
	11. PsycINFO; (between OR separate).ti,ab; 878991	
	10. PsycINFO; (delay OR wait).ti,ab; 25924 results.	

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