



Department of
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SECTION FOUR

Health Care Providers

This section provides dementia-specific tools and resources for health care providers to utilize with patients who are experiencing memory loss. The included list of comprehensive dementia-care practice tools will assist providers in recognizing and diagnosing dementia. The materials encourage providers to share the dementia diagnosis with individuals and their caregivers when appropriate. Providers should educate their patients on the importance of development of advance directives, planning long-term care needs, and expressing what is important pertaining to their quality of life as the disease progresses.

As public health professionals, you may share materials from this section with practitioners in the local health department and in your community. During the flu vaccination season, your local health department may serve a higher population of older adults, providing a great opportunity for providers to screen for early warning signs of dementia and offer resources to both the individual and caregivers.