



Download the Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) Diagnostic Symptoms: Patient Checklist for free today

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We recommend you refer possible LBD patients to a specialist for a differential diagnosis. And visit www.lbda.org for more clinical information on LBD, as well as treatment recommendations, patient and caregiver handouts, and more.

LBD is second only to Alzheimer's in prevalence among progressive dementias, affecting 1.3 million people in the U.S. alone. Unfortunately, because LBD has overlapping symptoms with both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, it is highly under-diagnosed.



Help your patients report the signs of Lewy body dementia

Early and accurate diagnosis is essential, because LBD patients may react to certain medications differently than Alzheimer's or Parkinson's patients. LBD can present initially as a sleep, motor, behavioral or other memory disorder.

Key medication dangers for people with Lewy body dementia

- A variety of drugs, including anticholinergics and some antiparkinsonian medications, can worsen LBD symptoms.
- Typical antipsychotics (such as haloperidol) should be avoided due to the risk of neuroleptic malignant syndrome, parkinsonism, somnolence and orthostatic hypotension.
- Atypical antipsychotic medications (such as quetiapine and clozapine) should be used sparingly and under close monitoring.

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