

FACT SHEET ON DIFFUSE LEWY BODY DISEASE (DLBD)

1. DLBD is the second or third most common cause of dementia.
 2. Intellectual loss in DLBD resembles Alzheimer's disease.
 3. Most patients have visual hallucinations.
 4. Confusion and hallucinations often vary on a day-to-day basis.
 5. Many patients develop Parkinsonism with stiffness, slowness and tremor.
 6. Many patients develop depression.
 7. DLBD is not inherited.
 8. There is no prevention for DLBD.
 9. DLBD patients are very sensitive to antipsychotic medications, e.g., Haldol.
 10. Diagnosis requires brain autopsy examination.
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