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Blue Bird Auditorium, NB-137, Neurosensory Center

## The Evaluation and Treatment of Dementia Symptoms: Insights from the VA Dementia Interest Group

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### Objectives:

At the end of this presentation, participants should be able to:

- To know the prevalence of dementia in the VA system
- To know the factors that have been identified that reduce or delay the detection of dementia
- To know the rate of adherence to the AAN Practice Parameters for the Evaluation and Management of Dementia symptoms
- To know the effects of ethnicity on the probability of being diagnosed or treated for dementia
- To know the prevalence of aggression in dementia, the causes of aggression, and the consequences of aggression

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### Target Audience, Needs, Educational Methods, Activity Evaluation:

Physicians, residents, fellows, and other healthcare professionals need to be updated about new advances in the clinical and research areas for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with neurological disorders. Educational methods will include lectures, case presentations, audio/video presentations, and questions & answer sessions. Participants will be asked to complete an activity evaluation.

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