

Exploring the



Behaviours in
Dementia
Toolkit

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Young Onset Dementia

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Helpful Resources



More than 28,000 people in Canada live with young onset dementia (YOD). **‘Young onset’ means someone is under 65 when they develop dementia.** YOD affects people aged 18 to 64.

YOD is a diverse condition. An individual’s experience of living with YOD will be influenced by many factors including their family system, job or income, gender and ethnocultural community.

Click the links below to explore example resources from the Toolkit and learn more about the impacts of YOD.

Understand YOD

[What is Young Onset Dementia?](#)

Alzheimer Society of Canada

The good news is that there are many ways to live well with young onset dementia. There is also lots of research unfolding worldwide to better understand the diseases that can lead to this kind of dementia. Find out more in this brief animated video.

[Younger Onset Dementia Guide](#)

Dementia Australia



Go-to resource for people living with younger onset dementia and their care partners.

[Living with Young Onset Dementia](#)

Social Care Institute for Excellence

Short film highlights the challenges of people who develop young onset dementia – also called ‘early onset dementia’ or ‘working life dementia’.

[What Kids in Canada Need to Know When a Parent Has Been Diagnosed with Young Onset Dementia](#)

Alzheimer Society of Canada

Collection of books, websites, help lines, support groups and more can help kids understand YOD and feel less alone.





“ People fall into the mindset that after a diagnosis that it’s all downhill from here. My advice is to keep living life!

Brenda H, Contributor – Young Onset By Us For Us Guide and person living with dementia

Support a Person with YOD

[Young Onset Dementia ID Cards](#)

Alzheimer Society of Canada

Some people say these kinds of cards help them express their identity and needs more easily in public. Free to download.

[Support for People with Young Onset Alzheimer’s Disease](#)

Rare Dementia Support Canada

Short video discusses various supports available in Canada for people with YOD.

[Dementia and Hope](#)

Young Dementia Network

A collection of film and audio resources sharing the voices of people living with dementia and care partners.

[Young Onset Dementia](#)

Research Institute on Aging

Booklet created together with people living with YOD helps readers to understand the support needs of people living with dementia.

[Diagnosing Dementia in Younger People: Decision Making Guide for GPs](#)

Young Dementia Network

Diagnostic guide supports GPs to identify the most common signs and symptoms of young onset dementia.



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