



## AGITATION

Agitation at the end of life is common and increased in people with dementia



- > Agitation, difficult to control behavior, can increase towards the end of life
- > This can lead to decrease in ability to care for your loved one at home
- > Hospice care can be provided in Nursing Homes (where there are full time professional caregivers)
- > If being a caregiver at home is becoming too difficult, make sure to speak with your Hospice Team

### What is done



- > Trying to determine if there is increasing pain ([Click here for assessment of pain in Dementia](#)) and treating with available medications ([Click here for info on pain meds](#))
- > Work with Hospice Team to determine if there are other correctable medical causes
- > There are effective medications that are helpful to decrease agitation and make more comfortable ([Click here for information on medications](#))



- It is important that increasing agitation be controlled and treated
- Uncontrolled agitation can be unsafe for caregivers as well as for the agitated person