

CME COURSE TITLE	Update on Diagnosing Dementia
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COURSE LEVEL	Basic
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES	After the course the participants shall be able to make the proper diagnostic of dementia syndrome and of the main different disorders underlying the syndrome, according to the most recent research and clinical guidelines.
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>Dementia is not a normal part of ageing. There is a new case of dementia around the world in every four seconds. Dementia is a source of huge burden for families and the community. After the onset of symptoms of dementia people will live for years and with appropriate support many can still be able to continue to contribute to society and have a good quality of life. However, dementia is still underdiagnosis and undertreatment. Especially early diagnosis, which is regarded as crucial for an optimal course of the disease, does not take place.</p> <p>The course gives state of the art knowledge on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of Dementia and related problems from the Public Health point of view, - Epidemiological issues, including the identification of Risk factors (important for family counselling) - Diagnostics steps and algorithms at Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Level - Differential diagnosis of dementia - Assessing caregivers - Resources supporting the Diagnostic Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Neuropsychology & behavioral assessment o Image o Laboratorial analysis (bio-markers)
PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE	The prerequisite are those of a medical education program
COURSE METHODS AND MATERIAL	Small group discussions; vignette; debate; slides
LIST OF RECOMMENDED READINGS	Course methods and materials: lectures and presentation of clinical cases. Participants will receive relevant documents and clinical guidelines supporting the course prior the course.
TARGET AUDIENCE	Medical Doctors with particular interest in Old Age Mental Health, not necessarily specialists (working at any level of the Primary Care network)
LANGUAGES	English