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Frontotemporal Dementia Overview

Frontotemporal dementia is a rare disorder that affects the frontal lobes and temporal (sides) lobes of the brain. There is no specific abnormality associated with all cases of FTD. In one type called Pick's disease, there are abnormal microscopic deposits called Pick bodies, but these are not always present.

Symptoms of FTD

1. A more rapid onset than in Alzheimer's disease.
2. The first symptoms often involve changes in personality, judgment, planning, and social functioning. Individuals may make rude or off-color remarks to family or strangers. They may make unwise decisions about finances or personal matters.
3. Individual's feelings may seem disconnected from the situation.
4. Individuals may have a strong desire to eat and gain weight as a result.