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Depression and Dementia

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Dementia and depression are common problems for older patients. An increasing body of literature suggests that depression is a risk factor for both Alzheimer's disease and Vascular Dementia. The relationship between depression and dementia complicated by overlapping symptoms and confusion over cause and effect. This review will focus on the complex relationship between the two conditions including a discussion of the studies that demonstrate a

causal association, the epidemiology of the two and some of the brain changes that occur with both conditions.

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