



Younger People with Dementia – Who Cares?

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It has now been recognised that one of the consequences of an ageing population is an increased prevalence of dementia. This has shifted dementia into the spotlight of the public domain, led to the development of a number of specific services and a burgeoning research environment. However these services have been developed almost entirely within an Aged Care framework and often fail to meet the needs of people diagnosed with dementia prior to the age of 65. Younger people with dementia often fall through the gaps of available assessment and support services. This presentation will highlight the diagnostic challenges, specific and often unmet needs and lack of appropriate services in this complex patient group.



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