

# Community Perspectives on Acute Hospital Care

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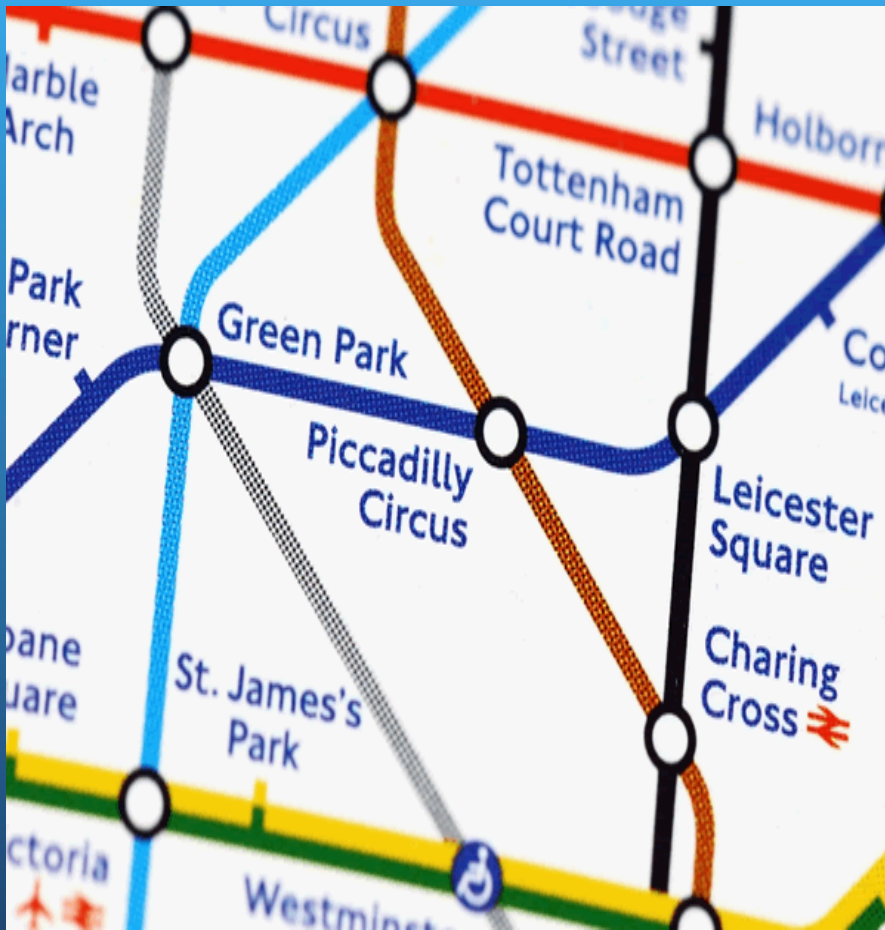
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# Today's Talk



1. The Diagnosis

2. Integrated Care Pathways

3. Going Home

# Early Diagnosis - The Debate

## Benefits

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- Planning for the future
- Involvement support organisations
- Relief of psychological distress experienced by caregivers
- Cholinesterase inhibitors

## Hazards

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- False diagnosis
- Anxiety
- Stigmatization
- Overloading services
- Under-treatment of depression

Bamford, C. et al. 2004. Disclosing A Diagnosis Of Dementia: A Systematic Review. International Journal Of Geriatric Psychiatry, 19, 151-69

Iliffe S, Manthorpe J. The hazards of early recognition of dementia: a risk assessment. Aging and Mental Health. 2004;8(2):99-105

# Barriers to GP Diagnosis

- Lack of support
- Time Constraints
- Financial constraints
- Stigma
- Diagnostic Uncertainty
- Disclosure
- Low disclosure rates
- 90% no dementia specific training
- 83% wanted training
- Education
- Behavioural Change?

Koch T, Iliffe S. Rapid appraisal of barriers to the diagnosis and management of patients with dementia in primary care: a systematic review. BMC Family Practice. 2010;11:52

Clark M, Walsh C, O'Connell H, Lawlor B. Dementia in primary care: the first survey of Irish general practitioners. Int J Geriatr Psychiatry 2006 Apr;21(4):319-24

# The Diagnosis: Coding & Dementia Registers

- 1) Population Management
- 2) Consultation Planning and Reminders
- 3) Performance Measurement

Wagner EH. Chronic disease care. Bmj. 2004 Jan 24;328(7433):177-8

- 4) Referrals - Flag Diagnosis and Highlight Needs

# Care Pathways



# Integrated Care Pathways

- Why?
- Why in Dementia Care?
- National Guideline/Local Pathways
- Task Orientated

Saad, K. 2004. Integrated care pathways for young onset dementia. *Journal of Dementia Care*, 12(2), pp.29-31






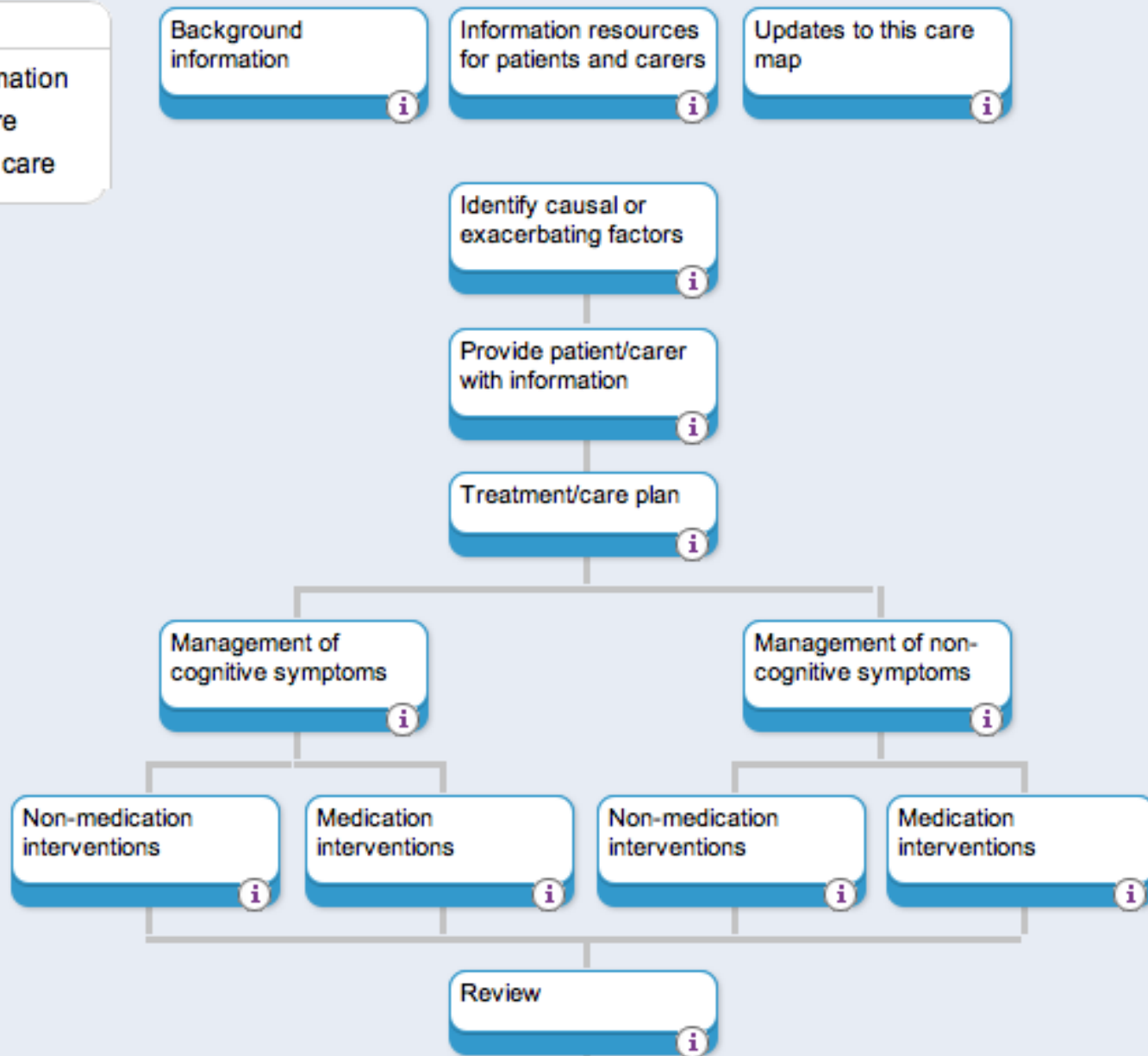


# Dementia - management

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## Key

-  More information
-  Primary care
-  Secondary care





- Discharge Planning
- Dementia Care Coordinator
- Complex Needs
- Multidisciplinary Task
- Communication

NICE-SCIE Guideline. Supporting people with dementia and their carers in health and social care, National Clinical Practice Guideline Number 42 2007.

# Opportunity

- Global & National Focus on Dementia
- Diagnosis
- Integrated Care Pathways
- Journey In & Out of Hospital
- Chronic Disease Management
- Quality of Care

Thanks!