




# Pharmacological management for people with dementia

This infographic summarises NICE guidance on drugs that can be offered as a part of treatment for people with the most common forms of dementia. An individualised approach is necessary owing to the wide variety of symptoms faced by each person with dementia.










## KEY



### AChE INHIBITORS

-  Donepezil
-  Galantamine
-  Rivastigmine
-  Memantine

## ALZHEIMER'S

	Mild	Moderate	Severe
NEWLY DIAGNOSED PATIENTS	Monotherapy is recommended as an option   		Monotherapy is recommended as an option 
PEOPLE INTOLERANT OF, OR WITH A CONTRAINDICATION TO, AChE INHIBITORS		Monotherapy is recommended as an option 	
PEOPLE ALREADY TAKING AN AChE INHIBITOR		Consider in addition 	Offer in addition 
Do not stop AChE inhibitors because of disease severity alone			

## WHO CAN PRESCRIBE ALZHEIMER'S DRUGS?

FOR PEOPLE NOT ALREADY TAKING:    

Only start treatment on the advice of a clinician who has the necessary knowledge and skills, such as:

Secondary care medical specialists


-  Psychiatrists
-  Geriatricians
-  Neurologists

Other healthcare professionals, if they have expertise diagnosing and treating Alzheimer's disease









-  GP
-  Nurse consultant
-  Advanced nurse practitioner

Once the decision has been made to start drug therapy, the first prescription can be made in primary care





FOR PEOPLE ALREADY TAKING:   

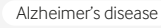


Primary care prescribers may start treatment with  without specialist advice

## NON-ALZHEIMER'S

	Mild	Moderate	Severe
People with DEMENTIA WITH LEWY BODIES			
No contraindications	Offer  		Consider  
 and  not tolerated		Consider 	
AChE inhibitors contraindicated		Consider 	

### People with VASCULAR DEMENTIA

Only consider:     if they have suspected comorbid:

-  Alzheimer's disease
-  Parkinson's disease
-  Dementia with Lewy bodies

### People with FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA or COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT CAUSED BY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

DO NOT OFFER    

### People with PARKINSON'S DISEASE DEMENTIA

For guidance on pharmacological management, see *Parkinson's disease dementia* in the NICE guideline on Parkinson's disease

