

# ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND OTHER NEURODIVERSE CONDITIONS: Considerations for Dementia Assessment and Management

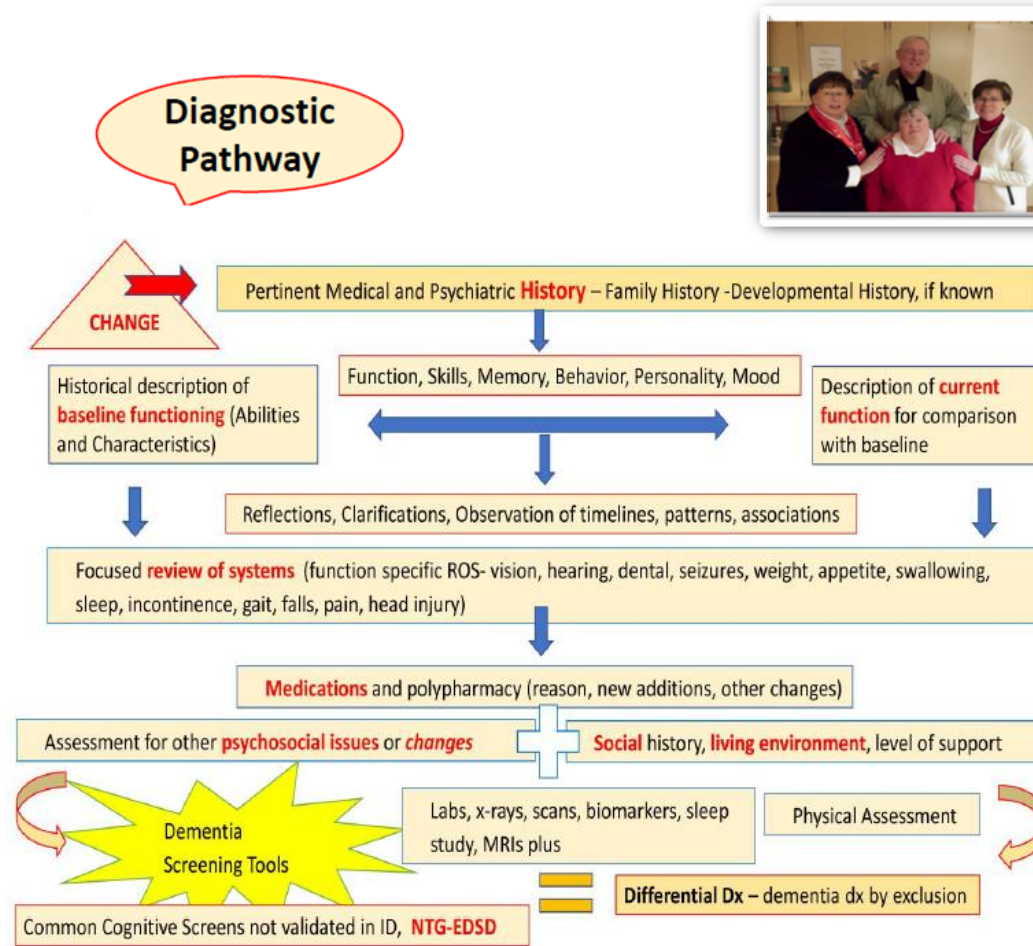
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## CHALLENGES

- Underlying intellectual and cognitive ability, sensory challenges (vision, hearing, autism) communication and language differences and physical & psychological challenges (nl aging, 2ndary conditions, features consistent with genetic or other etiology for ID)
- Subtle changes may not be observed
- Common dementia screens/ assessment tools not relevant for people with ID
- Difficulty of measuring change from previous level of functioning
- Aging parents and siblings (lifelong caring)-Paid staff often lack knowledge (turnover)
- Biases, stereotypes and diagnostic overshadowing
- ‘Sequelae’ related to SDoH/lifelong health disparities/possible genetics
- Lack of research, education, and training



## Post Dx:

Change in Philosophy.

**Communication.**

Well-being assessment & support.

**Environment**

(External + Internal).

Behavioral distress.

Caregiver status.

**Advanced care planning.**

Ed & Trng and more.

**Goals Same but strategies may differ.**