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Know Your Facts: What is Dementia?

Understand the characteristics behind the diagnosis.

Dementia is classified as a psychotic organic disorder, says expert coder **Judy Adams** with **Adams Home Care Consulting in Asheville, N.C.**

Dementia develops when the parts of the brain involved with learning, memory, decision-making, and language are affected.

Dementia is characterized by:

- Loss of mental function with multiple cognitive deficits, including memory loss.
- Persistence. Dementia isn't curable although symptoms may be treatable.