失智症的疾病病程與常見迷思

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- Older adults often have greater difficulty primarily with episodic memory
- Immediate memory span, procedural memory, and semantic memory remain largely intact.



Dementia

Significant functional impairment involving activities of daily living





DSM-5

- No more using the term "dementia"
- major neurocognitive disorder 「認知障礙症」「神經知 能症」
 - 六大認知領域 (cognitive domain)
 - "executive function"(執行能力)
 - "learning and memory"(學習及記憶力)
 - "language"(語言)
 - "perceptualmotor"(感知與動作)
 - 失認症<agnosia>
 - 操作不能< apraxia>
 - "complex attention"(整體注意力)
 - "social cognition"(社交認知)
 - 不以記憶力不好(amnesia)為必要核心症狀

六大認知領域 (cognitive domain)

- executive function (執行能力)
 - Includes planning, decision making, working memory, inhibition and mental flexibility
- learning and memory (學習及記憶力)
 - Includes free recall, cued recall, semantic and autobiographical long term memory, and implicit learning
- Language (語言)
 - Includes object naming, word finding, fluency, grammar and syntax
- Perceptualmotor function (感知與動作)
 - Includes visual perception, visuoconstructional reasoning and perceptualmotor coordination
- Complex attention (整體注意力)
 - Includes sustained attention, divided attention, selective attention and information processing speed
- Social cognition (社交認知)
 - Includes recognition of emotions, theory of mind and insight

Mild cognitive impairment (MCI)

 Some has <u>involve just one cognition domain</u> or <u>doesn't fit dementia criteria</u>



Mild cognitive impairment (MCI)



- About 13% of individuals with MCI progress to dementia annually
- About 50% progress to dementia over a period of five years
- Some have a stable course, while others may return to normal function over time

Prevalence

- 10 to 20% in persons older than 65 years of age.
- Mayo Clinic Study of Aging
 - between 70 and 89 years: amnestic mild cognitive impairment was 11.1% and that of nonamnestic mild cognitive impairment was 4.9%.



Risk factors

- Lower education
- CV disease
- Gene APOE (apolipoprotein ε4) allele
- Psychiatric history
 - Anxiety, depression
 - Younger patient (<50-60 y) with subjective memory complaint, without objective findings → may have underlying PSY disorder (Anxiety or depression)

Categories of dementia

- Alzheimer's disease
- Vascular dementia
 - Within 3 months after acute stroke
- Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)
- Dementia of lewy body (DLB)
- Corticobasal degeneration (CBD)
- Posterior cortical atrophy
- Normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH)
- PDD, or other neurodegenerative diseases
- HIV, neurosyphilis, other infection diseases
- Niacin deficiency, B1/ B12 deficiency, other secondary causes



