Memory is…

Have you forgotten someone’s name you should know? Or walked into a room for something and forgot what you wanted to get?

Forgetfulness happens to everyone. Moments like these increase as we get older and may be part of normal aging. If, however, memory gets worse, it could signify a more serious problem, such as dementia.

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common and well-known cause of dementia. Characterized by symptoms of memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, depression, apathy, disorientation and loss of language skills, Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia not only affect those diagnosed, but also their families and friends.

The Johns Hopkins Memory & Alzheimer’s Treatment Center

The Memory Center is comprised of three key areas of focus to aid in the treatment and care of dementia, as well as patient and family support, and research programs.

We offer hope to people concerned about their memory and cognition, and those who are experiencing mild cognitive impairment to more severe symptoms.

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Directions to Johns Hopkins Bayview

From points South (including BWI Airport):
Take I-295 north or I-95 north to the Harbor Tunnel Thruway (I-895). After exiting the tunnel, take exit 12 (Lombard St.). At the first stop light, proceed straight onto Bayview Blvd. Follow signs to 5300 Alpha Commons.

From points North and East:
Take I-95 south to I-895 south to exit 12 (Lombard St.). At the first stop light, turn right onto Bayview Blvd. Follow signs to 5300 Alpha Commons.

From East Baltimore or Dundalk Area:
Take Eastern Ave. At the first stoplight, turn onto Bayview Blvd. (Make left if coming from East Baltimore, right from Dundalk). Follow signs to 5300 Alpha Commons.

Direction Line: 410-550-5748
Johns Hopkins Memory &
Alzheimer’s Treatment Center

Who We Are
The Johns Hopkins Memory & Alzheimer’s Treatment Center is a collaborative partnership between Johns Hopkins psychiatry, neurology and geriatric medicine that offers patients comprehensive evaluation and innovative treatment, all in the same location. We use a unique, multidisciplinary approach to treat memory problems. The team dedicated to your care includes specially trained physicians, nurses, social workers, and occupational and physical therapists. The Memory Center also includes the Frontotemporal Dementia and Young-Onset Dementias Clinic.

What You Can Expect
From your initial phone call, our team offers you and your family individual attention and genuine compassion. We recognize the importance of answering your questions and alleviating your fears because the first visit can be an overwhelming experience for families. We perform a memory diagnostic evaluation at your first visit, which can last up to two hours, to determine what’s behind your memory loss.

The Memory Center, as part of Johns Hopkins Medicine, is recognized worldwide in caring for people with memory disorders and related problems. Johns Hopkins Medicine also is ranked #2 nationally by U.S. News & World Report in geriatric care.

Conditions We Treat
- Alzheimer’s disease
- Brain vascular disease (including stroke)
- Frontotemporal dementia
- Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease
- Lewy body disease
- Parkinson’s disease
- Traumatic brain injury
- Effects from cancer chemotherapy
- Clinical depression
- Young-onset dementias
- Other conditions that affect cognition and memory

How We Diagnose
We provide state-of-the-art diagnostic instruments:
- Innovative clinical assessment
- State-of-the-art memory and cognitive tests
- Specialized 3T MRI with unique brain imaging
- Brain PET imaging
- Diagnostic blood tests
- Johns Hopkins Dementia Care Needs Assessment

Support
Finding treatment for memory problems is important and so is finding support for the patient and family experiencing these problems. The clinic uses a nationally recognized model of care—Johns Hopkins Dementia Care—to meet such needs. Our nurses and social workers provide education on both the memory disorder and its treatment, management of symptoms related to memory loss, as well as planning and guidance for difficult decisions, such as power of attorney, assisted living and day programs. In addition, we offer counseling for patients and their families to help cope with the diagnosis.

Services That Go Beyond
At the Memory Center, patient care is enriched by cutting-edge research and support for both patients and families.

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The Patient Family Advisory Council gives you and your family the chance to voice concern, give praise and share input on the happenings of the Memory Center and its research components.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 410-550-6337.

Research
Patients and families benefit from access to the most current approaches and research on diagnosing and treating dementia. Working closely with the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC), the Memory Center supports many types of research on Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.

Johns Hopkins researchers are leaders in developing new treatment approaches in the dementia field. New methods to evaluate and treat dementia and cognitively concerned persons are in development all over the world and Johns Hopkins is at the forefront of such efforts.

For questions or more information about research or the ADRC, call 410-550-6493.
Johns Hopkins Memory & Alzheimer’s Treatment Center
Faculty

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Specialties & Interests
• Depression, agitation & related behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer’s
• Interface between depression & dementia
• Development of state-of-the-art treatment for dementia
• Development of brain imaging & blood tests for Alzheimer’s

Richard O’Brien, M.D., Ph.D.
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Specialties & Interests
• Evaluation & treatment of dementia
• Brain mechanisms for regeneration

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Specialties & Interests
• Designing & evaluating health care services for older adults
• Creating & evaluating educational programs for physicians-in-training

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Specialties & Interests
• Depression, agitation & related behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer’s
• Interface between depression & dementia
• Development of state-of-the-art treatment for dementia
• Development of brain imaging & blood tests for Alzheimer’s
• Study of neuroinflammation as a target for new Alzheimer’s therapies
Christopher Marano, M.D.
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Specialties & Interests
- Evaluation & management of behavioral disturbances in dementia
- Relationship between depression & dementia

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Specialties & Interests
- Mild cognitive impairment
- Effect of depression, bereavement & traumatic life stress on memory loss
- Memory loss after surgical procedures & other medical complications
- Behavioral disturbances associated with Alzheimer’s disease & other dementia

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Specialties & Interests
- Evaluation & management of memory disorders, especially in older adults with multiple medical problems
- Development of biomarkers for different stages of dementia, which include markers for early detection
- Development of treatments for Alzheimer’s disease both in mouse models of Alzheimer’s disease & in humans

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Specialties & Interests:
- Prion diseases (such as CJD)
- Young-onset dementias
- Frontotemporal dementia & related dementias

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Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Specialties & Interests
- Evaluation & management of behavioral disturbances in dementia
- Relationship between depression & dementia
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Specialties & Interests
• Neurodegenerative disorders
• Alzheimer’s disease
• Normal pressure hydrocephalus

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Co-Director, Frontotemporal Dementia and Young-Onset Dementias Clinic
Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Specialties & Interests
• Clinical epidemiology & treatment of FTD & young-onset dementias
• Cognitive & behavioral disorders in ALS & their relation to FTD
• Measurement of progression, disability, life participation & burden of care in FTD
• Social cognition & social pragmatism in FTD & other dementias

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Specialties & Interests
• Risk factors for depression after traumatic brain injury
• Brain injury patterns associated with depression after traumatic brain injury
• Diagnostic markers of mild traumatic brain injury
• Risk factors for disability after mild traumatic brain injury

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Specialties & Interests
• Alzheimer’s disease
• Frontotemporal dementia
• Dementia with Parkinson’s disease signs
• Stroke-associated cognitive impairment
• HIV-associated cognitive impairment
• Memory disorders in younger adults
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Specialties & Interests
- Depression, agitation & related behavioral symptoms in Alzheimer’s
- Relationship between physical exercise & dementia
- Dementia in the assisted living & nursing home setting

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Specialties & Interests
- Evaluation & management of memory disorders in people with several chronic diseases
- Effects of cardiovascular medications on cognition in memory disorders