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Dementia: What We've Forgotten

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When she escapes from the medical world, Dr. Gunther runs away to baseball games and recently visited her 59th ballpark in Rancho Cucamonga. Most summer weekends she can be found with her husband, daughter and son at the hallowed ground that is CitiField, rooting on the Amazin' Mets.

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Abstract

Recent years have seen productive research in dementia. Evidence has shaped our understanding of prevention, including the role of nutrition and exercise. More reliable biomarkers, including blood- and CSF-based biomarkers as well as changes in neuroimaging, mean that premortem diagnostic certainty can be achieved in a much greater range of cases and types of neurocognitive impairment. Novel treatments have emerged in the past 2 years, most notably monoclonal antibodies that reduce the progression of Alzheimer's disease. These promising trends are driving a younger, healthier cohort of individuals to seek memory care through psychiatrists, geriatricians and neurologists. However, the increasing medicalization of dementia care also reshapes the conversation between patients and physicians. A case presentation will illustrate some of these developments as well as the challenge that dementia poses to our identity.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify and review recent changes to diagnostic approaches in dementia.
2. Discuss recent advances in therapeutic interventions for Alzheimer's disease.
3. Explore the impact of increased therapeutic options and diagnostic certainty on the physician-patient relationship in dementia care.

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