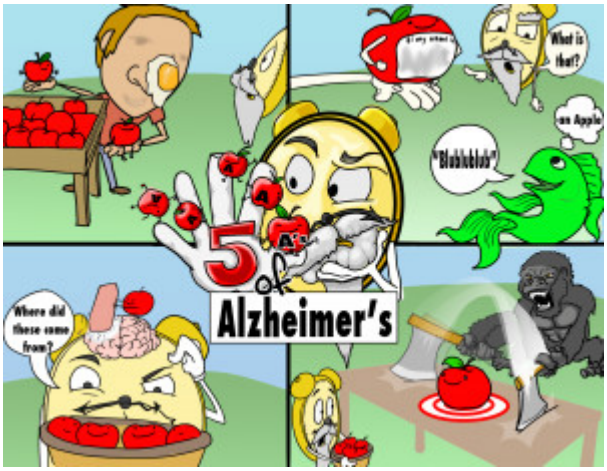
5 A's of Alzheimer's Disease

The 5 A's of Alzheimer's Disease is one way to remember and understand commonly seen symptoms associated with Alzheimer's disease. The 5 A's stand for agnosia, anomia, aphasia, apraxia, and amnesia.



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Agnosia

Egg-nose with No Face

Agnosia is the inability to recognize familiar objects, tastes, sounds, and other sensations.

Anomia

A-name-tag

Anomia is an inability to remember names of things.

Aphasia

Fish with Aphasia

Aphasia is the inability to express oneself through speech. This may include a loss of the ability to speak or understand spoken, written, or sign language.

Apraxia

Ape-axe

Apraxia is the inability to perform purposeful movements or once familiar tasks, such as dressing, cooking, or shaving.

Amnesia

Memory-eraser

Amnesia is defined as a loss of memory.

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