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Dementia is the name for various conditions that cause loss of memory, judgment and reasoning, and changes in mood, behaviour and communication abilities. By far the most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease can affect adult men and women of all ages though it mostly occurs in persons over the age of 65. It's a disease of the elderly that affects 8 percent of persons over the age of 65 years, and 35 percent of seniors aged 85 years and over. Family caregivers notice that their family member with Alzheimer's disease is experiencing gradual onset and often un

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John Sloan, M.D.

Dr John Sloan designed his innovative family-doctor practice to keep his frail elderly patients out of the hospital. He visits them at home, and collaborates with home care nurses, mental health teams, and others in the community. The practice he founded has now been adopted by the Vancouver Hospital geriatric unit and is expanding.

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Katie Griffiths

Katie Griffiths is an Outreach Counselor with the Alzheimer Society Peel office locations. She's worked with the elderly and their families since 1997. With her colleagues, she provides support for family caregivers caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

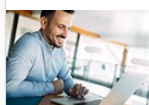
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