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DEMENTIA...

**A Challenge for GPs & Nurses
What are the solutions?**



Dementia. . .

What we all want to know!

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A typical GP 2006

- Early diagnosis – why? – upsets the patient
- Dementia drugs – useless don't work
- Support from Community – absent
- Social care – not available
- Respite care – where is that?
- Anti-psychotic medication – GPs evil prescribing the chemical chosh!!!



What changed?

- Dementia Conference
 - Early diagnosis
 - Patient/family
 - Medication
 - Memory clinics
 - Follow up – some good models
 - Social care



Personal Experience

- Why this is important to me?
- Personal development plan
 - Dementia Czar



This Afternoon...

- Everything I want to know about dementia
- Physical and social
- Living well with dementia 'vs' suffering from it



Aim for the afternoon. . .

I hope we have an enjoyable
and informative afternoon.

