

Navigating Alzheimer's: Empowering Caregivers with Compassionate, Non-Medication Approaches to Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

Practical strategies for families of loved ones with Alzheimer's who are navigating the challenges of neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS) like agitation & anxiety.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, May 7, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new resource, Navigating Alzheimer's: Effective Caregiving Approaches for Neuropsychiatric Symptoms, is shedding light on the everyday realities of Alzheimer's caregiving—and offering powerful, practical strategies for families navigating the challenges of neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS) such as agitation, aggression, depression, anxiety, and more.



Neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS) are among the most challenging aspects of Alzheimer's disease, affecting up to 97% of patients, according to the National Institutes of Health, significantly impacting their quality of life and that of their caregivers. While medications have long been a standard tool in managing these symptoms, there is growing recognition of the effectiveness of non-medication approaches—especially in the early to mid-stages of the disease.

"Caregivers are often the first to notice subtle changes in their loved one's mood or behavior," said Marvell Adams Jr., CEO of <u>Caregiver Action Network</u>. "This resource was developed to not only validate what caregivers are experiencing but also to offer them real tools and encouragement to face these challenges with confidence."

The resource emphasizes strategies such as personalized engagement, environmental adjustments, and communication techniques. These methods can ease psychological distress for individuals with Alzheimer's and reduce caregiver stress—often with fewer side effects than



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However, it also acknowledges the complexities and limitations of non-medication care, particularly as Alzheimer's progresses or when care shifts to a healthcare facility. In these instances, caregivers are encouraged to advocate for their loved one's personal interests, such as music or pet therapy, to guide facility staff in delivering compassionate, individualized care.

Navigating Alzheimer's will provide caregivers with evidence-based approaches to managing NPS, covering practical strategies to enhance patient quality of life while

reducing caregiver stress. Topics will include behavioral interventions, environmental modifications, communication techniques, and the latest research on Alzheimer's care.

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For more information on Navigating Alzheimer's: Effective Caregiving Approaches for Neuropsychiatric Symptoms, please visit https://www.caregiveraction.org/caregiver-tools/navigating-alzheimers/.

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