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Connecting Caregivers to Answers and Support

### **News And Articles**

### Sundown Syndrome Can Worsen in the Fall

Sundowning can happen year-round, but during autumn and winter, the effects can be magnified due to shorter, darker days. Be aware of the causes, signs and treatments for this complication of dementia. Read More »

### Light Therapy for Caregivers and Dementia Patients

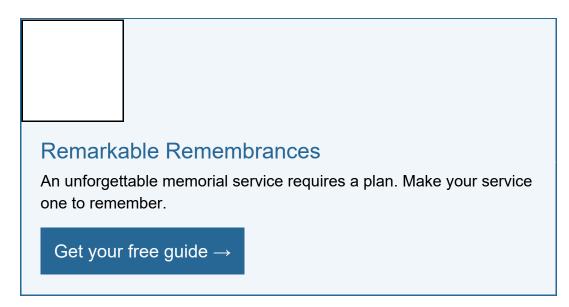
Both caregivers and their loved ones can benefit from daily light therapy. This natural treatment can help regulate wake/sleep patterns, stabilize moods, and minimize the symptoms of sundown syndrome. Read More »

### Fun Fall Activities for Seniors and Their Caregivers

Fall is a great opportunity for outings and activities that seniors and family caregivers can enjoy together. Celebrate autumn with these fun crafts, seasonal foods and refreshing ideas. Read More »

### Why Are Falls So Dangerous for Seniors?

While a trip or tumble may be a minor inconvenience for younger people, falls can cause significant, or even fatal, injuries for elderly individuals. Read More »



### **Questions and Discussions From Caregivers**

# **Q:** Any suggestions for games/activities for my 91-year-old mom with dementia?

Her hands are crippled with Arthritis so crochet and knitting are out of the question.

**Q:** My father with dementia frequently gets angry and lashes out against me as well as other caregivers. What can I do?

All the advice I read about not engaging when a dementia patient's rants and raves is not reality.

### **Q:** How can you distinguish symptoms in a stoic patient?

Until about 3-4 weeks ago, it was uncommon for her to go multiple days without speaking. But for the last 2 weeks, she has not spoken a word and seems out of it.

**Q:** Mom has terrible hunched/slouched posture with rollator walker. Does this mean it's time for a wheelchair?

On these days it is difficult for the aide to help support her when walking.



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