

Grade	Definition
I	Has some sort of dementia but is almost independent in daily life in terms of domestic and social activities.
II	Symptoms, behaviours or difficulties in communicating that interfere with the person's daily life are observed to some degree, but is able to live independently with some help. IIa: The condition described above occurring outside the home. IIb: The condition described above occurring even at home.
III	Symptoms, behaviours or difficulties in communicating that interfere with the person's daily life are observed once in a while, and the person requires care. IIIa: The condition described above occurring mainly during the daytime. IIIb: The condition described above occurring mainly at night.
IV	Symptoms, behaviours or difficulties in communicating that interfere with the person's daily life are observed frequently, and the person requires constant care.

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