

Changes in the Visual Field and How It Might Affect Care for Persons Living with Dementia

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Dementia
=
Alzheimers
=
Memory
Loss??

SIMPLY PUT...DEMENTIA IS A
DECLINE IN
THINKING/PROCESSING/
LANGUAGE SKILLS THAT
INTERFERES WITH EVERYDAY LIFE

“Dementia”
is not a
diagnosis



Four Truths about Dementia

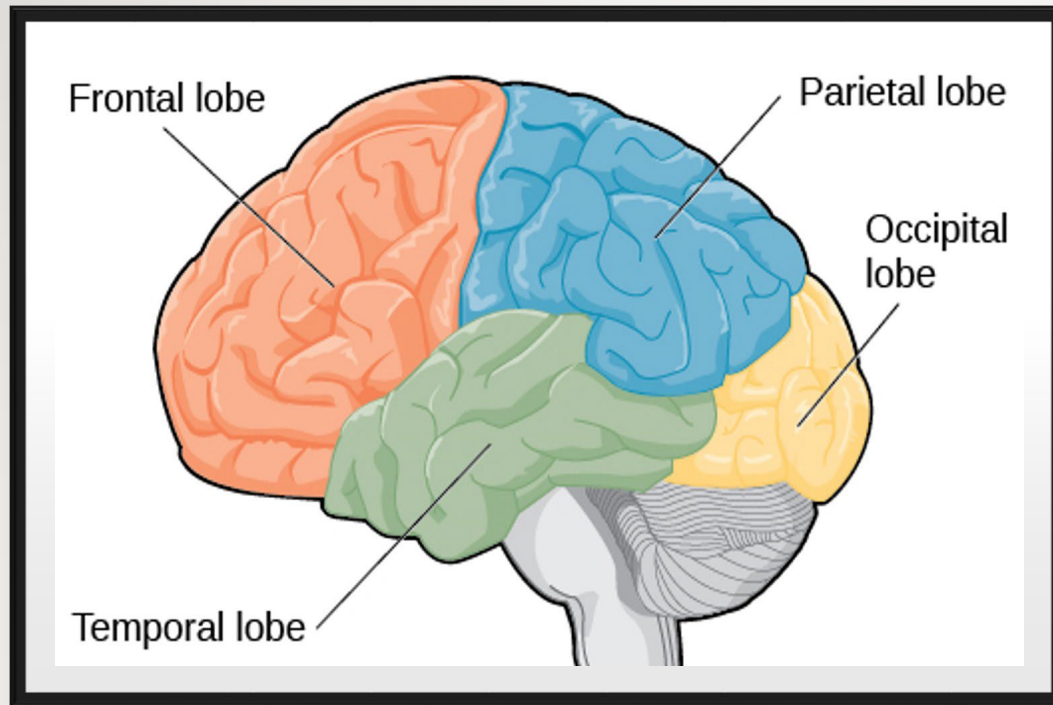
1. At least two parts of the brain are actively dying

2. Dementia is chronic – we can't fix it, stop it or cure it

3. It is progressive and gets worse

4. It is terminal and results in death

Lobes & Functions of the brain -



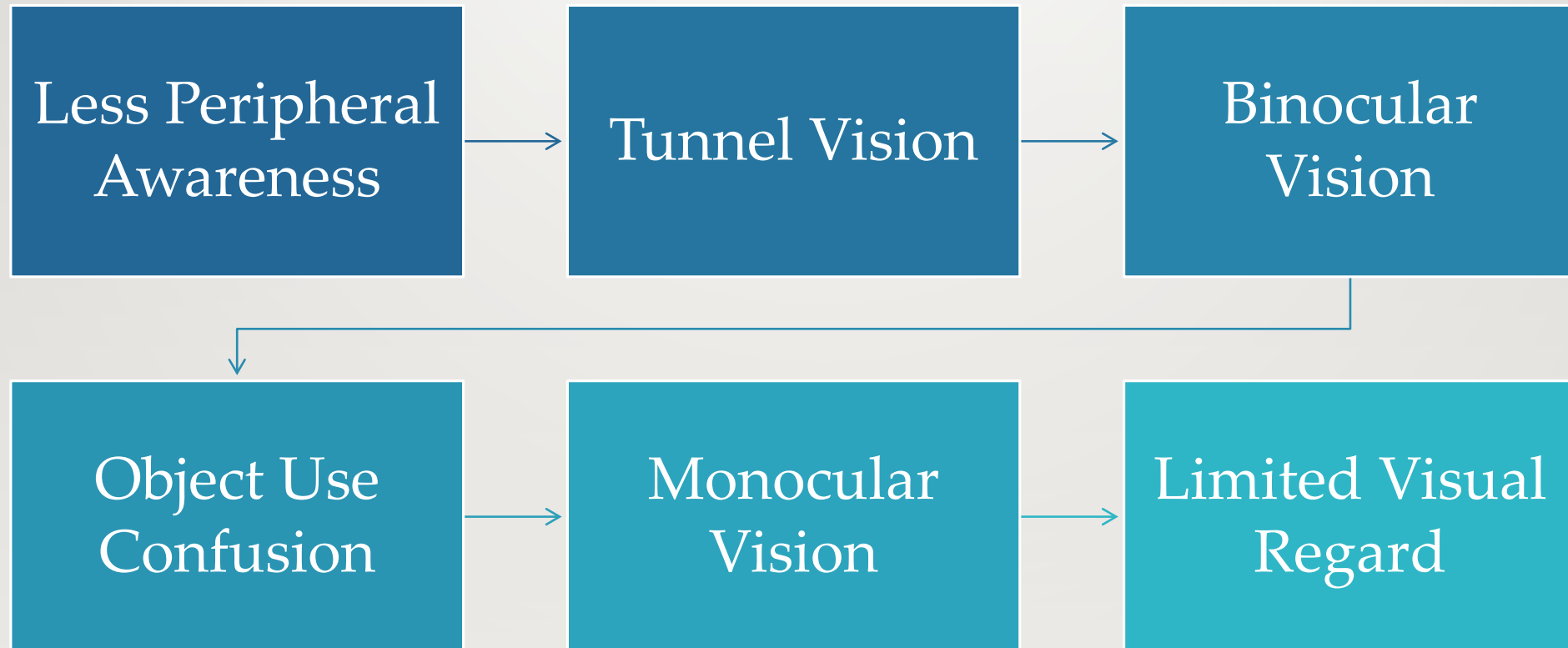
- Occipital – vision
- Temporal – language, rhythm
- Frontal – impulse, logic, choice, sequence, awareness, able to see another's point of view
- Parietal – sensory/motor/touch
- Limbic – threat, pleasure, needs/information, way finding, time





Experience...

With each new level of vision change, there is a decrease in safety awareness



WHY DOES THIS
INFORMATION MAKE A
DIFFERENCE FOR MY
PERSON?



So...how might we
apply what we've
learned today?

“Be in the moment – see them as whole people that we are in relationship with and that we can support to the best of their abilities. See them as persons first, not the objects of care. This is the core of care partnering.”

– Teepa Snow

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