

childhood dementia THE FACTS

childhood
dementia
INITIATIVE

One in every
2,900 babies

is born with a
condition that
causes
childhood
dementia.



Childhood dementia
is progressive.

Children lose their ability
to talk, walk, read, write
and play. Eventually the
body loses its ability to
function.



CHILDHOOD
DEMENTIA RESULTS
FROM PROGRESSIVE
BRAIN DAMAGE
CAUSED BY 100+
GENETIC
CONDITIONS.

Symptoms can vary and
progress over months,
years or even decades,
impacting both the child
and their family.



Children with dementia experience:



- Memory loss
- Confusion
- Trouble concentrating, understanding, learning and communicating
- Personality changes
- Severely disturbed sleep
- Behavioural issues such as hyperactivity
- Emotional issues like anxiety and fear

50%



of children with
dementia die by
the age of 10.



Estimated in
Australia
every year:

91

deaths in people with
childhood dementia

92

deaths from childhood
cancer (0-14 yrs)



Estimated in
the UK every
year:

204

deaths in people with
childhood dementia

260

deaths from childhood
cancer (0-14 yrs)



Estimated in
the USA every
year:

1,077

deaths in people with
childhood dementia

1,050

deaths from childhood
cancer (0-14 yrs)

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