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Lay abstract

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Improving health and quality of life related outcomes for people who have both dementia and cancer

The chance of getting cancer and dementia increases with age. We are interested in ways to improve cancer treatment and care services for people who have dementia and their families, because their needs are different from people who have cancer but do not have dementia. However, very little is known about the population of people who have both conditions. There is very little research conducted with this group generally and we do not have a clear picture of the size of this population, their characteristics or the types of health services they are using. This study will help us to describe the population of older people who have both dementia and cancer. We can then use this information to develop research that is targeted to their specific needs as well as writing papers about what the population looks like, which can be used by other researchers and clinicians.