









**What is Lewy Body Dementia?** Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease with cognitive, motor, sleep, and behavioral symptoms. LBD is caused by abnormal protein deposits that disrupt the brain's normal functioning. The proteins found in the brain stem deplete dopamine levels, causing Parkinson's-like symptoms. **There is no cure for LBD.**

**Common warning signs of LBS can include:** memory loss, trouble planning or problem solving, difficulty completing normal tasks, confusion, frequent falls, muscle rigidity, disorientation, difficulty understanding spatial relationships, trouble with words or speaking, poor judgement, changes in mood or personality, hallucinations, sleep disturbances or tremors.

### Available Care

	 Palliative Care	 Hospice Care
 <b>Goal /Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain relief and symptom control</li> <li>• Assistance in medical decision making</li> <li>• Care coordination</li> <li>• Medical Equipment</li> <li>• Emotional Support</li> <li>• Relief from troubling symptoms</li> <li>• Emotional and spiritual support</li> <li>• Home Health Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain relief and symptom control</li> <li>• Emotional Support</li> <li>• Physician Services</li> <li>• Short-term respite care (up to 5 days at a time)</li> <li>• Nursing Care</li> <li>• Medical Supplies</li> <li>• Medical Equipment</li> <li>• Physical and occupational therapy</li> <li>• Speech-language pathology services</li> <li>• Medication to control pain or other symptoms</li> <li>• Social Worker Services</li> <li>• Dietary Counseling</li> <li>• Grief and loss counseling</li> <li>• Inpatient care for uncontrolled symptoms</li> <li>• Hospice Aide services</li> </ul>
 <b>Team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palliative Care Doctor</li> <li>• Primary Care or Specialist Physicians</li> <li>• Nurses</li> <li>• Physical Therapist</li> <li>• Dietician</li> <li>• Social Worker</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• In some cases, volunteers and aides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospice Care Doctor</li> <li>• Primary Care or Specialist Physicians</li> <li>• Nurses</li> <li>• Physical Therapist</li> <li>• Dieticians</li> <li>• Social Worker</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Aides</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Chaplain</li> </ul>
 <b>Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Part B</li> <li>• Medicaid</li> <li>• Most private health insurance</li> <li>• Patient/family responsible for co-payments, deductibles, or other feemaking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Part A</li> <li>• Medicaid</li> <li>• Most private insurance</li> <li>• Patient/family responsible for small co-payments</li> </ul>
 <b>Curative Treatments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curative treatments continue if individual desires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curative treatments cease</li> </ul>
 <b>Eligibility Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician must certify that individual is unlikely to live more than 6 months</li> </ul>
 <b>Interventions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventions to alleviate pain and symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventions to alleviate pain and symptoms, may be more aggressive</li> </ul>