



Dementia Care: Breaking the ER Loop



From Crisis to Care

Hospital readmissions and emergency room (ER) visits for seniors with Alzheimer's and related dementias (ADRDs) are a substantial burden for patients, families, and providers alike. Many of these visits are preventable with early intervention, consistent oversight, and skilled care at home.

- According to a CDC report, adults 65+ with Alzheimer's had an ED visit rate of 36.1 visits per 1,000 persons per year.
- Among those ED visits by Alzheimer's/dementia patients, approximately 37.2% resulted in hospital admission, compared to 28.6% for those without Alzheimer's.

Common Triggers for ER Visits in ADRD Patients

- Accidents & falls
- Behavioral disturbances
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs), pneumonia, & other acute infections
- Medication mismanagement / missed doses

Trained Home Care Makes a Difference...

- Early detection of medical changes and symptoms (e.g. infection or dehydration) before they escalate.
- Behavior management and routines that reduce agitation, confusion, and nighttime disturbances.
- Adherence to medication schedules and coordination with providers to adjust medicines as needed.
- Reduction of fall risk through in-home safety audits and supervision.

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Let's Work Together to Keep Alzheimer's Patients Safe, Stable, & Supported at Home!

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