Chapter 15: Neurocognitive Disorders

**Video Title:** Experience 12 Minutes in Alzheimer's Dementia

**Video URL:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL_Gq7Shc-Y>

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Summary of Video:

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a general term for memory loss and impairment of other cognitive abilities (such as learning, decision-making, or language) serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60 to 80 percent of cases of dementia, termed neurocognitive disorder in DSM-5. The brains of patients with neurocognitive disorder due to Alzheimer’s disease usually show atrophy—in the form of neuron and synapse loss with plaques and tangles—in several areas. But, what is a loved one with Alzheimer's disease actually going through? This 12-minute virtual Alzheimer's tour reveals more than you ever imagined. The *Virtual Dementia Tour* is a, hands-on, experiential tool kit created for anyone seeking to understand the physical and mental challenges of those suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. The virtual dementia program was developed by P. K. Beville of Second Wind Dreams, which focuses on those living in eldercare communities or in hospice care. As you watch the video, please answer the following questions:

1. What symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease did Lewanda Wilson show?
2. Why did Blaine have difficulty understanding what his mother Lewanda was going through? How might this difficultly in understanding impact relationships between individuals with Alzheimer’s and their loved ones?
3. What did the Virtual Dementia Tour involve?
4. What did Blaine find out after trying the tour and the 5 tasks in 12 minutes?
5. What was the ABC reporter’s bottom-line conclusion after taking the virtual tour?