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## Vascular Dementia: A Guide to Caring for a Family Member with Dementia

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"Read up, do research and don't keep secrets. Be sure family and friends know what is going on so that they can help too."—Eunice G.

#### Care options...

- > Ask for help
- > Caregiver support groups
- > Short-term care
- > Adult day care centers

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## VASCULAR DEMENTIA

A guide to caring for a family member with dementia

#### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### How much do you know about Vascular Dementia?

- 1. Dementia has the **greatest** effect on which of the following:
  - a. Memory
  - b. Skin
  - c. Muscles
- 2. The main cause of Vascular Dementia is:
  - a. Smoking
  - b. Stroke
  - c. Trauma



Answers: 1. A. 2. B

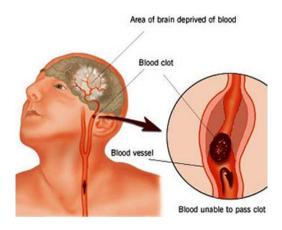
## Caring for a loved one with Dementia

- > Create a routine
- > Keep them busy
- > Provide stimulation
- **Communicate**

## Did you know?

#### Vascular Dementia...

- is the second most common form of dementia.
- is caused by the occurrence of multiple strokes leading to brain damage.



# Role of Caregiver

- **➤** Be their support system
- > Recognize their uniqueness
- > Talk about memories
- > Treat them like an adult
- > Focus on their abilities