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Alzheimer's Disease
Research Center

Frontotemporal Disorders Unit

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The MGH Frontotemporal Disorders Unit (FTD) aims to develop better knowledge, diagnosis, and treatment of all forms of FTD and related focal dementia syndromes.

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What is Frontotemporal Degeneration?

Frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) is a progressive neurological disorder that causes damage to the anterior temporal and frontal lobes of the brain. FTD causes a gradual, progressive decline in behavior, language, or other abilities.

As the disease progresses, it becomes increasingly difficult for people to plan or organize activities, behave in socially appropriate ways, nurture relationships, or maintain a position at work. These challenges result in increasing dependency, and a need for caregiving.

When families struggling with FTD have questions about their loved ones' condition, and require specialized support from caring medical professionals, the Frontotemporal Disorders Unit at MGH can help.

Contact Us

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What services do we provide?

We provide comprehensive clinical services including:

- Diagnostic assessment
- Second opinions
- Comprehensive treatment
- Education and counseling
- Ongoing monitoring

Specialized services are available in partnership with other local providers, including:

- Genetic counseling and testing
- Neuropsychological assessment
- Social work services
- Occupational/speech/physical therapy
- Neuropsychiatry
- Sleep, vision, and hearing assessments.

We work in close partnership with other clinicians in the area from Brigham & Women's Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Jamaica Plain VA Aphasia Research Center, and others.



Who do we support?

We are a comprehensive clinical-research unit focused on Frontotemporal Degeneration and related disorders, including:

- Behavioral Variant FTD
- Primary Progressive Aphasia
- Semantic Dementia
- Corticobasal Degeneration Syndrome
- Progressive Supranuclear Palsy
- Posterior Cortical Atrophy
- Atypical forms of Alzheimer's
- FTD –ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)

Our team is committed to the sophisticated, compassionate, and multidisciplinary care of patients with neurodegenerative disorders. We provide services in the areas of:

- Neurology
- Neuropsychology
- Speech Pathology
- Neuro-Ophthalmology
- Psychiatry
- Genetic Counseling & Testing Services
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Social Work

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