

Glossary of Terms

Bradykinesia means slowness of movement and speed (or progressive hesitations/halts) as movements are continued.

Cognitive change involves reappraising a scenario (i.e., thinking about an event in a different way) to change its emotional impact.

Constipation is a condition in which there is difficulty in emptying the bowels; usually associated with hardened feces.

Dystonia is a state of abnormal muscle tone resulting in muscular spasm and abnormal posture.

Postural instability is the inability to maintain equilibrium under dynamic and static conditions such as preparation of movements, perturbations, and quiet stance.

Psychosis is a severe mental condition in which thought and emotions are so affected that contact is lost with external reality.

Dementia is a condition characterized by progressive or persistent loss of intellectual functioning, especially with impairment of memory and abstract thinking, and often with personality change, resulting from organic disease of the brain.

Rigidity is an inability to be bent or be forced out of shape.

Stiffness is an inability to move easily and without pain.

Urinary incontinence is *the loss of bladder control*.