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Introduction and the early post-diagnostic phase - what challenges do we face as family doctors?

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Cognitive impairment and dementia presents many challenges to primary care. Following review by secondary care (memory clinic services), an individual may well be labelled as having 'mild cognitive impairment' or indeed dementia itself. As family doctors, we are responsible for the care and wellbeing of these patients during this early post-diagnostic phase. This talk will provide an introduction and an overview to some of the challenges facing the person with cognitive impairment/dementia and their families and what the role of family doctor should be.