The Trajectory of Dementia: Practice Implications for Providers & Caregivers

The presentation will discuss the clinical progression of dementia, challenges associated with prognostication, management for caregivers and healthcare providers, and techniques used to discuss progression of disease and advanced care planning.

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