



10 Tips for Dementia Caregivers

1. Stick with Daily Routines

Routines make days predictable and less confusing

- 2. **Diminish Distractions**Banish background noises; play calming music
- 3. **Keep Things Simple**Use short specific statements
- 4. Involve Person in Simple Tasks
 Set your loved one up to be failure free
- 5. Never Shame, Instead Distract
 Use redirection and "therafibs"
- 6. **Be Patient and Flexible**Allow extra time and reduce distraction
- 7. Avoid Arguments
 Speak with guests beforehand to be on the same page
- 8. Focus on Individualized Care
 Remember the person; not the disease
- 9. Avoid Asking "Do You Remember?" Instead reminisce of happy times
- 10. Create a Moment for Yourself

Caregiving can be overwhelming, take care of yourself



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