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Exercise and Dementia Evidence
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Key Findings:
People with dementia and caregivers would benefit from regular walking
Additional benefits can be gained from activities involving balance, strength and flexibility
Activities that encourage social interaction may provide additional benefits

Benefits of exercise:
Improvements in:
• Physical function
• Activities of daily living
• Mood
• Social interactions
• Enjoyment
• Cognitive abilities
• Sleep
• Quality of life

Reductions in:
• Falls
• Agitation
• Depression
• Restlessness

Review of reviews:
14 reviews
Over 200 studies
People with dementia living at home and in care homes
From randomised control trials to qualitative research