

Mayo Clinic Minute

What is Lewy body dementia?

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	Some call it the most common disorder you may not ever have heard of – dementia with Lewy bodies. What it is?
Brad Boeve, M.D. Neurology Mayo Clinic	“Dementia with Lewy bodies, or DLB as it’s commonly abbreviated, is the second most common form of dementia especially among the elderly. Alzheimer’s disease is obviously the most common.”
	Mayo Clinic neurologist Dr. Brad Boeve says Lewy body dementia is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer’s disease. But it is very different.
Brad Boeve, M.D. Neurology Mayo Clinic	“Its unique in its clinical features. There are some features that are suggestive of Alzheimer’s disease, others suggestive of Parkinson’s disease. But DLB really is complex.”
	Dr. Boeve says the right diagnosis is key because medications that don’t work well for Alzheimer’s do help some people with DLB
	Dr. Boeve and his colleagues are dedicated to finding answers and treatments for this disease to help improve quality of life for patients and their families.
Vivien Williams on camera	For the Mayo Clinic News , I’m Vivien Williams