Resources from AFTD

**AFTD Website - www.theaftd.org**
The place for information, resources or support related to FTD. The Healthcare Professional section now includes new material on clinical criteria, diagnosis and treatment.

**AFTD HelpLine - 866.507.7222 toll-free or info@theaftd.org**
AFTD’s most important direct service to patients, caregivers and professionals. The HelpLine is staffed Monday - Friday during office hours.

**Caregiver Respite Grants**
The Comstock Caregiver Respite Program encourages family caregivers to reenergize through the use of respite services. The program provides $500 grants to eligible caregivers.

**Connect with Support**
AFTD connects caregivers and people with FTD with support that fits their needs. Visit the website for a listing of local FTD groups by region. AFTD provides telephone support groups and individual connections for when no local group is available.

**The Gateway**
The Gateway is AFTD’s bimonthly electronic newsletter for caregivers. Each issue provides information about what’s happening at AFTD, encouragement for caregivers and research updates.

**Publications and DVD**

***NEW! A Guide for Managing a New Diagnosis***
“The Doctor Thinks It’s FTD. Now What?” is a publication from AFTD that helps individuals and families take a strategic approach to a diagnosis of FTD and prepare for the changes it brings.

**It Is What It Is (DVD)**
A powerful short documentary that features four families as they confront FTD. The DVD introduces people to the disease and its impact. It comes with a 12-page educational booklet. Excellent for raising awareness and helping professionals understand the needs of people with FTD and their families.

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**What If It’s Not Alzheimers? edited by Gary Radin and Lisa Radin**

This comprehensive guide, the first to deal specifically with frontotemporal degeneration, provides a wealth of information to both healthcare professionals and caregivers. Designed as both a resource and a reference guide, it contains twenty-five chapters full of practical information that every caregiver needs, beginning with medical facts exploring how FTD differs from Alzheimer’s, to clinical, medical and rehabilitation care issues.

**Booklet on FTD**

The National Institute on Aging has a consumer-friendly booklet, Frontotemporal Disorders: Information for Patients, Families, and Caregivers. The free, 30-page booklet, which includes contributions from AFTD, explains the disorders, causes, symptoms, and management in layman’s terms.

**NEW! Understanding the Genetics of FTD**

AFTD partnered with the University of Penn Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research to create a comprehensive booklet on the genetics of FTD.

**NEW! What About the Kids? Booklet**

The AFTD Task Force on Families with Children has written and produced a brand new tool for parents with young children and teens. *What About the Kids?* is a sensitive, practical guide for parents to help their children deal with a parent who has FTD.

**For Professionals**

**Partners in FTD Care**

Partners in FTD Care is an education initiative of AFTD that brings together health professionals, experts and families to promote understanding of FTD and to develop best practices in community care. A quarterly Partners in FTD Care eNewsletter is part of this initiative.

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