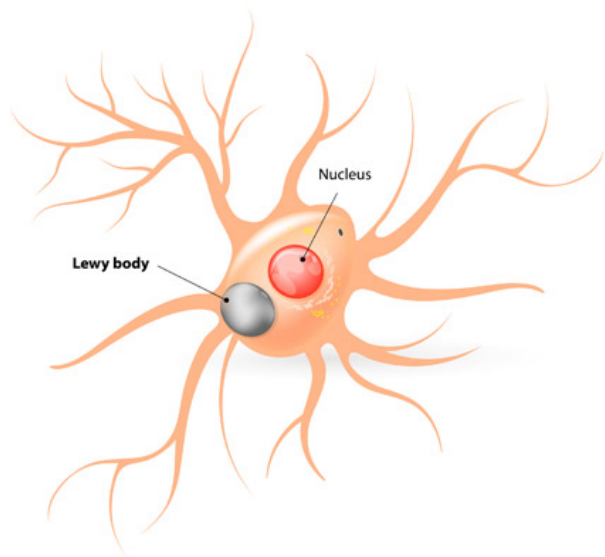


Lewy Body Dementia

Lewy body dementia (LBD) is a progressive disease, associated with protein deposits known as Lewy bodies, in the brain. The presence of Lewy bodies in the brain can cause progressive decline in cognitive and physical abilities.



Lewy bodies

Lewy bodies are abnormal protein deposits in the brain. The presence of Lewy bodies in the brain is associated with Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease.



Symptoms

Symptoms of LBD can include:

- Hallucinations
- Slowness or difficulty with movement
- Cognitive problems, including memory loss, confusion, and changes in alertness



Treatment

Currently, there are no treatments to cure LBD. However, treatment plans can be developed to address the symptoms of LBD in partnership with physical therapists, occupational therapists, mental health counselors, and other specialists.



Lewy bodies are associated with other brain disorders, including Parkinson's disease dementia, and Alzheimer's disease. However, symptoms such as hallucinations, difficulty with movement, and REM sleep behavior disorder distinguish LBD from Alzheimer's.



Lewy body dementia and Parkinson's disease dementia have similar symptoms, including changes in cognition. In Parkinson's disease dementia, individuals experience difficulty with movement, including rigid movement and tremors a year before the onset of cognitive decline symptoms. In LBD, the opposite occurs, with cognitive decline symptoms developing prior to difficulty with movement related to Parkinson's disease.