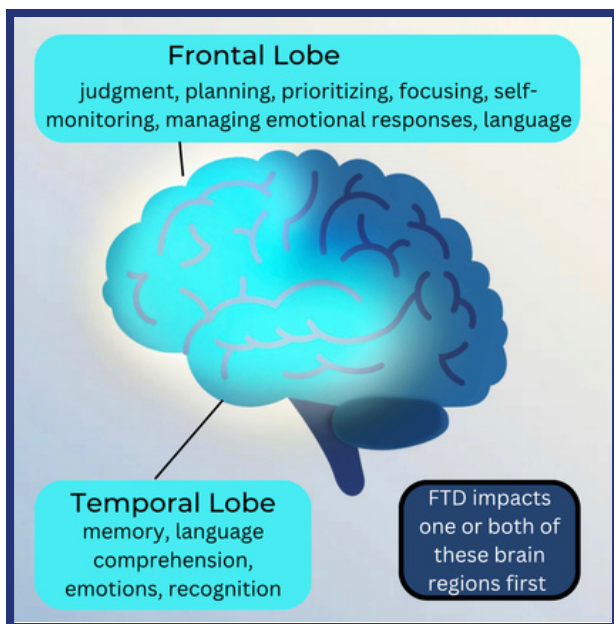


THE BEHAVIORAL VARIANT

What Is the Behavioral Variant of FTD (bvFTD)?

BvFTD is a form of **Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)** that impacts the areas of the brain responsible for certain social behaviors and thinking first.



Symptoms may include:

- Apathy, lack of interest
- Disinhibition, impulsivity, lack of restraint
- Difficulty assessing risk
- Repetitive behaviors
- Hyperorality (putting inedible objects in the mouth)

What Happens After a Diagnosis?

No two people living with with bvFTD will have the exact same experience, so there is no one-size-fits-all approach.

Talk to your doctor for referrals to specialists (e.g., occupational therapists, speech therapists, neurologists, psychologists) who can assist in determining the best way to adapt and modify tasks for the person living with bvFTD.

Honor your experience as you navigate anticipatory grief, challenges that may have presented themselves while you awaited a diagnosis (e.g., financial and social hardships), and know that you are not alone. Reach out to and build your community and support system and seek professional assistance so that you can ensure that you, as a caregiver, are also receiving the care you need.

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