

# CARING NEEDS DIFFER

## No Two People Are The Same.



Doug had dementia for seven years before the disease started to have an impact on his daughters. His experience was very different to others they knew. Two of the girls did everything they could think of to encourage him to keep socially, mentally and physically active. Doug's third daughter was trying to find resources to make sure her own world wasn't disturbed. When his dementia really took hold, however, the girls were devastated. They all needed help to cope.



Tim's father, Chung, found that he couldn't get around so well because of his cancer. He was also finding himself in increasing pain. The thought of helping his father physically was a worry for Tim. He felt uncomfortable with his trial and error approach to moving Chung around, yet he wanted to look after his father at home. Tim had no experience in handling people and felt highly stressed to see his father in pain, and this worried Tim for the future.



Patricia's shortness of breath and depression were very confronting for her sister, Colette. There were times when she had to help with medicines in a hurry, and wasn't sure of what she was doing. Colette had to learn what her sister needed, and when, and how to recognize the warning signs. Soon she discovered she knew almost as much about Patricia's condition as she did. Colette could see that her sister had come to depend on her, and her time, more and more. Colette needed to know, was there any help?

Every person's situation and experience of illness will differ. Caring needs in each of these circumstances will vary too.

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