FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA

Behavioral Variant (bvFTD)

**SIGNS & SYMPTOMS**

Initial cognitive symptoms include impulsivity and difficulty with problem-solving and planning. Other early symptoms involve personality or mood changes such as depression, withdrawal, or inappropriate social behavior.

**CAUSES & RISK FACTORS**

Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is caused by damage and shrinkage in the brain’s frontal and temporal lobes due, in part, to deposits of proteins such as tau or TDP-43. bvFTD usually begins earlier than other dementias, with first symptoms present between ages 40-65.

**BEHAVIORAL CHANGES**

Changes may include apathy, little motivation, emotional flatness or excessive emotion. Individuals with bvFTD have difficulty “reading” social signals, and may engage in inappropriate/impulsive behavior such as neglecting personal hygiene, shoplifting, or compulsive eating. Individuals with bvFTD often have poor insight into their deficits.

See signs? Talk to your doctor. For more information about FTD: www.theaftd.org