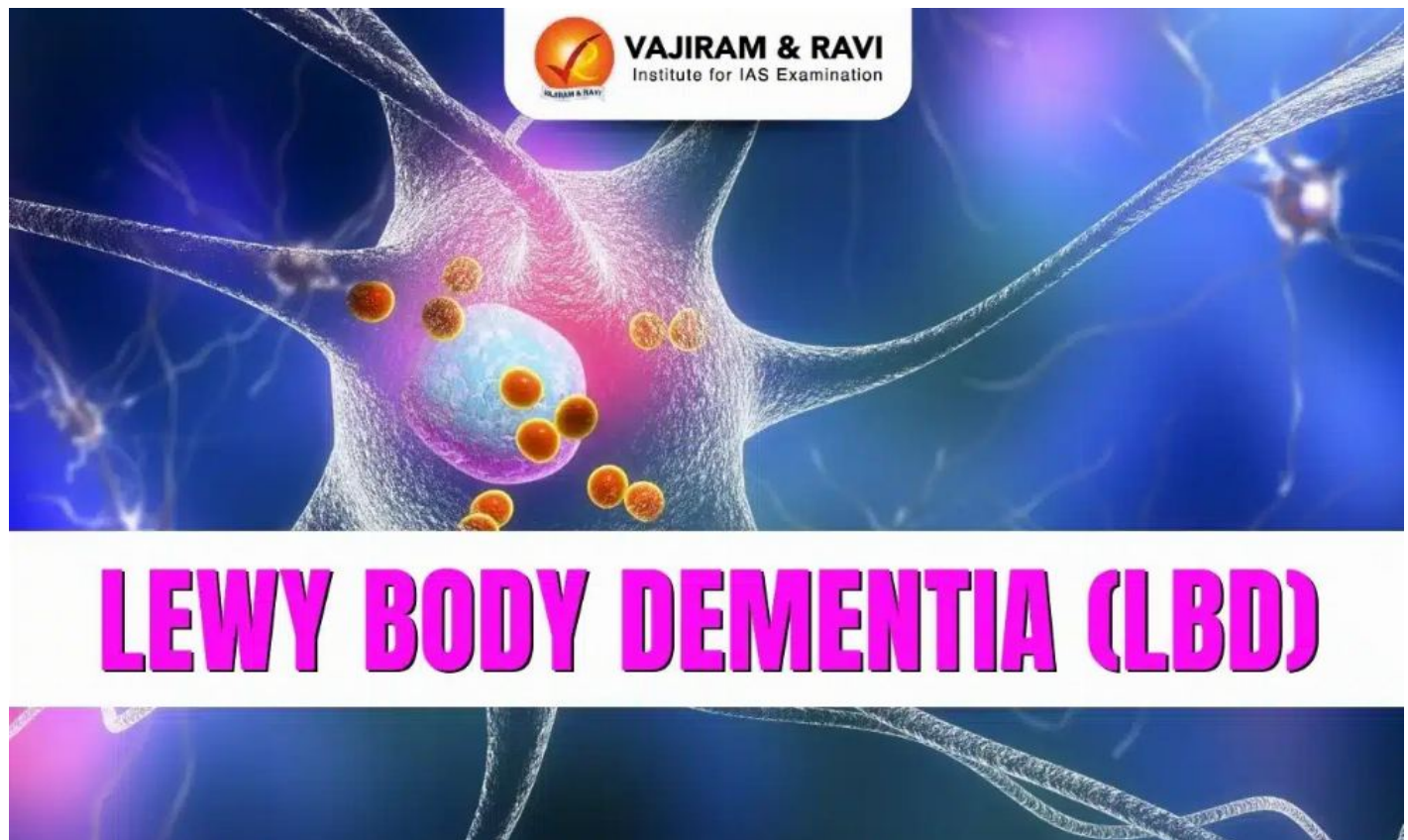


Lewy body Dementia (LBD)

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Jackie Bezos, mother of Jeff Bezos and an early Amazon investor, passed away in Miami recently due to Lewy body dementia.

About Lewy body Dementia

- It is a complex and challenging **brain disorder**.
- It is the **second most common type of dementia after Alzheimer's disease**.
- LBD is a disease associated with **abnormal deposits of a protein called alpha-synuclein in the brain**.
 - These deposits, **called Lewy bodies**, **affect chemicals in the brain**.
 - These changes, in turn, can lead to **problems with thinking, movement, behavior, mood, and other body functions**.
- There are **two forms of LBD** that cause cognitive symptoms — **dementia with Lewy bodies and Parkinson's disease dementia**.
- LBD causes a **decline in mental abilities** that gradually **gets worse over time**.

- LBD **typically begins at age 50 or older**, although sometimes younger people may have it.
- LBD appears to **affect slightly more men than women**.
- The disease **lasts an average of five to seven years from the time of diagnosis to death**, but it can range from two to 20 years.
- People with LBD might see things that aren't there, known as **visual hallucinations**.
- They also may have **changes in alertness and attention**.
- People with LBD commonly have **symptoms of Parkinson's disease**. These symptoms might include rigid muscles, slow movement, trouble walking and tremors.
- As the disease worsens, people with LBD require more and more help with daily activities due to a decline in thinking and movement abilities.
- **In the later stages** of the disease, people may **depend entirely on others for assistance** and care.
- **Treatment:**
 - There's **no cure** for Lewy body dementia and **no way to prevent it**.
 - But medications and therapies can help manage symptoms for a while.

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