

SLEEP PROBLEMS

IN DEMENTIA

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- Pain
- Sick or infection
- Hungry or thirsty
- Toilet problems
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- Too hot / too cold at night
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- Know their story
- Go to clinic for check up
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