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# 原發性漸進性失語症

**Primary Progressive Aphasia**



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## WHAT IS PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE APHASIA (PPA)?



- A rare neurological condition that gradually affects a person's ability to communicate
- Individuals may struggle to express their thoughts, understand language, or find the right words
- PPA occurs in individuals with frontotemporal dementia, a rare type of dementia that typically affects people at a relatively younger age, usually between 50 and 60.

## COMMON SYMPTOMS



- Difficulty finding words or naming objects
- Struggling to understand conversations
- Trouble reading or writing
- Speech becoming slow or hesitant
- Loss of ability to speak or comprehend language over time



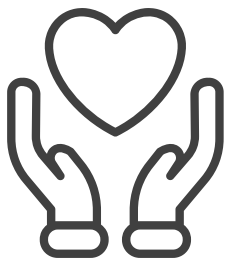
## KEY FACTS



- Progressive Condition: Symptoms develop gradually, often before age 65, and worsen over time
- Affects Communication: difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or understanding spoken language
- Unlike Stroke: PPA progresses slowly and primarily affects language abilities before impacting other cognitive functions
- PPA features are language-specific. Chinese speakers show different speech and language deficits compared to English speakers.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?



- Be patient and give extra time for communication
- Use alternative ways to communicate, such as gestures, writing, or pictures
- Raise awareness and support research efforts to help those affected



🔍 Early diagnosis and speech therapy can help slow progression and improve quality of life!



**Spread the Word. Support Those Affected. Raise Awareness!**



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