

The Dementia Attitudes Scale
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Please rate each statement according to how much you agree or disagree with it. Circle 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 according to how you feel in each case. *Please be honest. There are no right or wrong answers.* The acronym "ADRD" in each question stands for "Alzheimer's disease and related dementias."

1. It is rewarding to work with people who have ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

2. I am afraid of people with ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

3. People with ADRD can be creative.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

4. I feel confident around people with ADRD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

5. I am comfortable touching people with ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

6. I feel uncomfortable being around people with ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

7. Every person with ADRD has different needs.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

8. I am not very familiar with ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

9. I would avoid an agitated person with ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

10. People with ADRD like having familiar things nearby.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

11. It is important to know the past history of people with ADRD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

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12. It is possible to enjoy interacting with people with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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13. I feel relaxed around people with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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14. People with ADRD can enjoy life.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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15. People with ADRD can feel when others are kind to them.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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16. I feel frustrated because I do not know how to help people with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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17. I cannot imagine taking care of someone with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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18. I admire the coping skills of people with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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19. We can do a lot now to improve the lives of people with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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20. Difficult behaviors may be a form of communication for people with ADRD.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Slightly Disagree	4 Neutral	5 Slightly Agree	6 Agree	7 Strongly Agree
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Demographic Information

1. Gender: Male Female

2. Age: _____

3. Race: White Hispanic African American Asian Native American Other

4. Have you ever known or worked with someone who has ADRD? yes no

If yes, please explain. How long have you known, or did you know, the person or people with ADRD? How close was/is your relationship?

You're done! Thank you for your help!