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"Forget about Alzheimer´s"

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Abstract:

Cornelia Stolze has written a book claiming Alzheimer's disease does not exist as an exactly defined disease. In fact, by now even some experts admit that current medications are useless and that diagnosis often is inadequate. Stolze in her book "Vergiss Alzheimer" ("Forget About Alzheimer's") states that patients with signs of dementia often are labeled as Alzheimer's disease patients although they are not, that they receive useless medications, that the real causes of their respective dementias, such as diabetes, depression, stroke, or dehydration, are overlooked and not treated, and that medical doctors make money with unreliable early diagnostic tests. Actually, one prominent example for the widespread deception in the field is the case of the renowned german philologist Walter Jens who has developed dementia some years ago. As well in the media as in medical conferences his is presented as a prominent "Alzheimer's" case. However, good reasons support the assumption, that Walter Jens suffers from completely different problems such as psychogenic problems, medical malpractice and long lasting drug abuse.