



Causes of Memory Loss

Condition or Disease that causes short-term memory loss	Treatment for Condition or Disease	Result of treatment on memory loss
Anxiety	Anxiolytic agents	Memory usually restored
ADHD	Psycho stimulants	Memory usually restored
Depression	Anti-depressants	Memory usually restored
Thyroid gland disease	Thyroid hormone	Memory usually restored
Diabetes	Anti-diabetics	Memory usually restored
Metabolic Encephalopathy	Diagnose etiology and treat	Memory usually restored
Vitamin B-12 deficiency	B-12 vitamin therapy	Memory usually restored
Infections- meningitis and encephalitis	IV antibiotics	Memory usually restored
Medications (both prescription and OTC)	Manage interactions and adverse effects	Memory usually restored
Alzheimer's Disease	Cholinesterase inhibitor and glutamate modulation	Reduced rate of memory decline
Parkinson's Disease	Dopaminergic stimulation	Reduced rate of memory decline and sometimes improvement
Frontal lobe dementia	Cognitive Therapy	Reduced rate of memory decline and sometimes improvement
Head injury	Cognitive therapy and medication	Frequent memory improvement
Cerebro-vascular disease	Anti-platelet therapy, manage risk factors, cognitive medication	Reduced rate of memory decline and sometimes improvement
Normal pressure hydrocephalus	Reduce pressure fluctuations with dynamic pressure shunt	Reduced rate of memory decline and sometimes improvement
Seizure Disorders/Epilepsy	Anti-epileptic Medications	Reduced rate of memory decline and sometimes improvement