



# THE LBD DIGEST

Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases at UF Health

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## Robin's Wish: A film capturing Robin Williams' journey with LBD symptoms

This content contains information about death and suicide, which some may find upsetting. If you need support at any time, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Robin Williams' was an accomplished comedian and actor. He was a beloved husband and father. In 2014, Robin Williams died by suicide with undiagnosed Lewy body dementia. The world and his family were shocked as the news was both traumatic and unexpected. The public, his fans and close friends were unaware of his journey as Robin and his close family searched for diagnostic answers until his death.

Robin's Wish depicts Robin Williams' story from the perspective of his loved ones. He was a man who was resilient to the end. Directed by Tyler Norwood, this film is considered the first about a person living with Lewy body dementia, though Robin Williams never received this diagnosis in his life. The Lewy Body Dementia Association is a consulting partner for the film, along with our very own Dr. Melissa Armstrong.

You may access the trailer here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWRDbEQFAMk&has\\_verified=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWRDbEQFAMk&has_verified=1). You may rent Robin's Wish through Amazon here: <https://www.amazon.com/Robins-Wish-Susan-Schneider-Williams/dp/B08FF65L26>.

### Communication of Dementia Diagnoses: Patient and Family Experiences and Developing Best Practices

Study recruiting dementia patients who received a diagnosis in the past 2 years and caregivers caring for them. Find more information here: <https://m.ufhealth.org/research-study/communication-dementia-diagnoses-patient-family>. Call 352-733-2419 or email [Noheli.Gamez@neurology.ufl.edu](mailto:Noheli.Gamez@neurology.ufl.edu) for more information.

### Life Story Books

Study recruiting people age 60+ with memory difficulties. You will create a Life Story Book with the researcher as you share important memories in your life. Find more information here: <https://lifestorylab.psych.ufl.edu/life-story-book/>. Call 352-273-3813 or email [lifestorylab@psych.ufl.edu](mailto:lifestorylab@psych.ufl.edu) for more information.

## Research Corner

## Meet Our Team: Latrice Williams, MSW and Jana Unislawski



Latrice Williams (shown left) is a social worker from Gainesville, Florida. She graduated from Saint Leo University with a Bachelors in Social Work in May of 2017, and she earned a Master's degree in Social Work from Walden University in November 2019. Latrice's current role is the Social Worker at the Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases at UF Health in the Huntington's Disease Society America Center of Excellence as the HD clinical coordinator and the Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence.



Jana Unislawski (shown left) is a clinical case manager from Marietta, Georgia. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 2015 with a degree in Cognitive Science, and she is currently getting her Master of Social Work from the University of Central Florida. Jana is the Memory Disorder Clinic coordinator at the University of Florida and is the co-chair for the Mid-Florida Dementia Care and Cure Initiative Task Force.

Latrice and Jana work together to provide resources, information, and psychosocial support to our patients and caregivers of those with Lewy Body Dementia. They are available to assist patients and caregivers within the Fixel family.

### CONTACT US



To contact your UF Health Lewy Body Dementia Support Team call (352) 733-2419 or email us at [DLB-support@neurology.ufl.edu](mailto:DLB-support@neurology.ufl.edu).



### Are you a caregiver in need of support?

Join our monthly Virtual Lewy Body Dementia Caregiver Support Group!

- Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 2-3PM.
- Connect by telephone:
  - Call the toll-free number
    - +1 (646) 558-8656
  - Input Meeting ID: 540-200-2903
- Connect online:
  - <https://uflphi.zoom.us/j/5402002903>