



THE LBD DIGEST

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Marion and Sumter County Sherriffs' Programs

The Marion County Sheriff's Office recently launched their "Respond With Care" program aimed at improving communication between deputies and residents with special needs. Consider taking part in this program if you are a driver who often drives passengers with special needs. These stickers are placed on the back of vehicles so deputies can see the sticker while approaching the driver and be able to better accommodate the needs of all Marion County residents. These stickers are available at any sheriff's office in Marion County.

Residents of Sumter County are able to participate in the Sumter County Sherriff's Office Safe Program which includes numerous programs to support people with dementia and older adults. Like Marion County, Sumter County offers magnets and stickers that are placed on the back window of a vehicle or the entrance to a home which inform first responders that someone is registered with the Safe Program. The DREAM program provides people living with dementia and who often wander a GPS device that allows Sumter County deputies to help track them when needed. The Peace of Mind program is available to people who may live alone. Once registered, you are expected to call and either speak to a volunteer or leave a message daily. If not done by noon each day, a volunteer will reach out before sending a deputy to your home to do a welfare check. The Sumter County Sherriff's office also have Human Scent Preservation Kits available to residents to assist with wandering loved ones. If you have additional questions feel free to call their office at 352-569-1600 or visit <https://www.sumtercountysheriff.org/services/index.php>.

Identifying Factors Predicting Accurately End-of-Life in Dementia with Lewy Bodies and Promoting Quality End-of-Life Experiences: the PACE-DLB Study: Study recruiting people with moderate to severe dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB). The person with DLB and their caregiver must participate together. Find more information here: <https://ufhealth.org/research-study/pace-dlb>. Call 352-733-3004 or email PACE-DLB@neurology.ufl.edu for more information.

Multi-Stakeholder Engagement for Interdisciplinary Telehealth in Lewy Body Dementia: Study recruiting people with mild to moderate Lewy body dementia (LBD). The person with LBD and their caregiver must participate together. Find more information here: <https://lbd.neurology.ufl.edu/tele-lbd/>. Call 352-733-2419 or email noheli.bedenfield@neurology.ufl.edu for more information.

Research
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Meet Our Team: Kelly Curtis, MD



Kelly Curtis is a recent graduate of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in Hanover, NH where she completed an MD in May of 2023. Initially, her decision to pursue medicine began through exposure to neuroscience and behavior as an undergraduate, where she studied psychology and pursued a thesis on the neural correlates of speech perception. Throughout medical school, while interested in several specialties, she would always revert back to neurology, not just because of her fascination by all things related to the brain, but also because of the large breadth of patient populations she has gotten to work with while on neurology service. Her goal is to pursue a Neurology Residency position through the 2024 Match cycle, ideally a program located in the Southeast. She sees herself balancing clinical work with research and is currently working on the 1Florida ADRC study regarding patients with dementia and their caregivers. This study is well-matched to her pre-existing interests, for it contains elements of behavioral neurology and allows her to work directly with patients. Her passion for medicine is equally matched by that for the arts, and she has held many roles related to theater and performing arts over the years. She has thoroughly enjoyed her relocation to Gainesville, and is honored to join an incredible team.

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.



Are you a caregiver in need of support?

Join our monthly Virtual Lewy Body Dementia Caregiver Support Group!

- Every 4th 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>