

Mrs. DeFazio is a 81 year old female who has lived in the facility for the last year and one half. She was admitted because the family was no longer able to manage her sun-downing in the evenings and wandering.

Mrs. DeFazio has a diagnosis of dementia of the Alzheimer's type (diagnosed in 2007); arthritis; coronary artery disease and anemia. She transfers and ambulates independently. She is independent with meals after set-up and is alert times one. She receives a low fat diet and her intake varies due to her frequent ambulation epically at meal times. She requires one assist with ADL's and bathing/showers. She is 5' 2" tall and weighs 95 lbs. She weighed 120 when she was admitted to the facility. Staff indicate that they have trouble redirecting her from other's rooms where she rummages through drawers, during meal times when she is continually rearranging the tables and food items upsetting the other elders and her frequent attempts to leave the building during 2 and 4pm every day indicating she has to get her children from school. Within the last month and one half she has had trouble ambulating and now requires a one assist. She has been getting up frequently during the night searching for her husband and then going into the nourishment room rummaging through the refrigerator talking loudly in Italian. When staff tries to re-direct her, she lashes out at them. Staff members have tried offering her snacks thinking she is hungry but she refuses them.

Mrs. DeFazio was a stay-at-home mother of three. Her husband worked in a factory across three shifts (swing shifts). Mrs. DeFazio had a large garden and did a great deal of canning and cooking as a homemaker. She was very involved with the school system and her children's activities/sports. She was a member of the PTA and volunteered at her Catholic church. She also became a foster parent for ten years after her youngest son joined the military. Her children and some of the children she fostered visit frequently, often bring her food and are very supportive.

Her current medications include Cymbalta for anxiety which was started two months ago, B-12 injections every month, ASA for arthritis management, PRN Ativan for agitation, PRN Tylenol.