# FIVE TIPS for caregivers



# **MANAGE YOUR STRESS LEVEL**

Consider how stress affects your body (stomach aches, high blood pressure) – and your emotions (overeating, irritability). Find ways to relax.



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# **BE REALISTIC**

The care you give does make a difference, but many behaviors can't be controlled. Grieve the losses, focus on positive times as they arise and enjoy good memories.



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# **GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT, NOT GUILT**

It's normal to lose patience or feel like your care may fall short sometimes. You're doing the best you can. For support and encouragement, join *ALZConnected.org*, our online caregiver community.



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### **TAKE A BREAK**

It's normal to need a break from caregiving duties. No one can do it all by themselves. Look into respite care to allow time to take care of yourself.



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# **ACCEPT CHANGES**

Eventually your loved one will need more intensive kinds of care. Research care options now so you are ready for the changes as they occur.



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