

Amnesia

Amnesia (from Greek ἀμνησία from ἀ- meaning “without” and μνήμη memory) is a deficit in [memory](#) caused by brain damage, disease, or psychological trauma.

Amnesia can also be caused temporarily by the use of various sedatives and hypnotic drugs. Essentially, amnesia is loss of memory. The memory can be either wholly or partially lost due to the extent of damage that was caused.

Types

There are two main types of amnesia: [retrograde amnesia](#) and [anterograde amnesia](#).

These two types are not mutually exclusive. Both can occur within a patient at one time.

Double whammy: sex-related headache and amnesia ¹⁾.

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Ziso B, Larner AJ. Double whammy: sex-related headache and amnesia. Acta Neurol Belg. 2019 Mar 30. doi: 10.1007/s13760-019-01129-z. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 30927160.

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