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Mad Cow Disease Symptoms

An abnormal infectious protein present in the brain named prions. Share in the infected animal results in mad cow disease. In the initial stage, no **symptoms of mad cow disease** can be seen. The cattle can show the symptoms in the later stage. The symptoms of mad cow disease first starts in the brain where the brain tissue examination shows that the infected tissues have become spongy in nature. Unlike the bacteria and the viruses, these prions do not create any kind of infection; however, they create so many disabilities in the body they locate. They prions are there in the tissues of the nervous system; this includes the brain, neurons etc. In many cases, the prions are also present outside the nervous structure including the spine, spleen and the blood stream. Therefore, it became evident that the spread of the disease can be possible through any of these methods.

Once the infection has set in, the **mad cow disease symptoms** start to occur in the infected animal. The symptoms of mad cow disease include fatigue, weakness and many other illnesses. The cow or the person, who is affected with the **symptoms of mad cow disease**, will have a sudden weight loss and disability in walking and even standing. The cow will have a lower level of milk production in spite of having a good appetite. The other **symptoms of mad cow disease** include the sudden onset of aggression in the animal, where there are cases of abnormal behaviour and actions caused by the animal due to mad cow disease.

Since the disease has a case of spreading in humans through the consumption of tissues i.e. meat from the infected animal, there have been cases where the **mad cow disease symptoms** have also occurred in humans. Though the disease is not contagious, it has a condition of spreading from one human to another through the transfer of tissue or through the transfer of blood from one person to another. In the case of humans, the symptoms indicate an increased psychiatric condition due to the nature of the disease that eats through the brain causing holes in the brain. Some main symptoms include a persistent condition, which causes a loss of memory. The onset of the disease also leads to the onset of certain neurological abnormalities related with this disease. Some of the neural problems that occur may include ataxia, which can affect the person early during the onset, dementia might occur during the progressive stages, and a condition of **myoclonus** might occur later in the stage of the illness.

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