

*A decade long story
about everyday*

妻の病

*life of a doctor and
his wife with dementia.*

—レビー小体型認知症—

*"Let's live ...
we have already
survived this long."*

Life is like a Dream, isn't it?

"Yes, let's live."

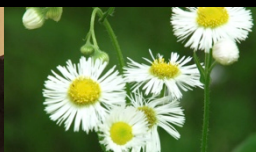
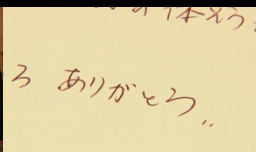
The human documentary movie

My wife's illness — *Dementia with Lewy Bodies*

What if your loved one develops dementia?

What if you develop dementia?

What is really important in life?



Introduction

"Dementia is a disease. This awareness has increased in our society over the last 10 years. However, dementia is associated with prejudice, misunderstanding and a sense of hopelessness.

This film, titled *My wife's illness-Dementia with Lewy Bodies-*, is a case study documentary portraying everyday struggles of a patient with dementia, her family and careers.

Main characters are Dr. Koichi Ishimoto and his wife Yayoi. Yayoi suffers from a form of dementia called Dementia with Lewy Bodies. Little is understood with this disease today. Dr. Koichi Ishimoto and his wife Yayoi live their lives hand in hand ... despite everything. What if your loved one develops dementia? What if you develop dementia? What is really important in life? This film raises these fundamental questions.

Shin-ichi Ise (Film Director)

Born in 1949. Ise produces heartwarming every-day-story human documentaries using decade long footages of specific themes. His work includes "Nao-chan", "Entoko", "The shape of wind", "Daijobu", and more recently "Katawara - Journey since March 11th-", "In Keeper - The four seasons of Karasawa Hyutte", "Dreams of Shiba Dog - Japan's ancient breed from Jomon period", "My wife's illness—Dementia with Lewy Bodies", and "Thread of Dreams —The Adonis Home for Dementia Patients". He received "Japan Film Pen Club Prize and Distinguished Services Prize" in 2013 and "Cinema Dream Club Prize" in 2014.

Impressions

"Amazing. So moved. The film was beyond my imagination. Difficult to articulate my opinion but I decided to Laugh and Live."

— Actress in 50s

"Watching the film was so emotional since my wife was also diagnosed with DLB a few years ago. I have been failing to understand her. Like Dr. Ishimoto, I struggled to grasp her world. I have felt like running away, not accepting her, and not seeing her. Today I watched the film, it is time to revisit my own situation."

— Man

"Different from TV documentaries. It was heartwarming, The theme is very serious but the film was not."

— Working Lady in 40s

"I learnt that illness teaches us what is most important in life."

— Man in 60s

•The movie:

"My wife's illness -Dementia with Lewy Bodies"
(2014/color/87minutes/JAPAN)

•Documentary

•Cast : Koichi Ishimoto, Yayoi Ishimoto

•Film Director : Shin-ichi Ise



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