

Alzheimer's Association Medical Professionals Resources

- 1) Cognitive Assessment Website Section** - Our website features tools and resources for conducting a cognitive assessment during a time-limited office visit. We value this tool as it is the first step in determining whether or not a patient needs further evaluation.

On our website we have resources including recommended tools, video guides and indications for referral.

<https://www.alz.org/professionals/health-systems-medical-professionals/cognitive-assessment>

- 2) Disease Management Website Section**

Our website details both pharmacological and nonpharmacologic interventions to optimally treat and manage the cognitive, behavioral and psychological symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

<https://www.alz.org/professionals/health-systems-medical-professionals/management>

- 3) Managing Behaviors and Psychological symptoms of dementia fact sheet**

<https://www.alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-dementia-managing-behavior-psych-symptoms-dementia.pdf>

- 4) CPT code 99483**

Effective January 1, 2018, under CPT code 99483, clinicians can be reimbursed for providing care planning services to individuals with cognitive impairment, including Alzheimer's disease

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives can currently bill under this code.

Reimbursement rates can vary slightly based on the setting in which the service is provided and geographic location.

Additional information on the CPT code

<https://portal.alzimpact.org/media/serve/id/5ab10bc1a3f3c>

<https://www.alz.org/careplanning/downloads/cms-consensus.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/cognitive>

Cognitive Impairment Care Planning Toolkit

This is a comprehensive product with information and tools to support each element within the CPT code 99483. The toolkit was developed in conjunction with an expert workgroup of clinicians and medical social workers to identify, and as necessary, develop tools that aligned with the elements of the CPT code and could be implemented in busy primary care settings.

This toolkit provides:

- Background and introduction to CPT code 99483 including who is eligible to receive the service, who can provide the service, and the required elements for reimbursement.
- Also, includes measurement tools to support the care planning process and documentation

https://action.alz.org/personifyebusiness/misc/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=72469938&_ga=2.150023923.430558374.1674077131-1203781401.1670942643&_gl=1*1g4ynv6*_ga*MTIwMzc4MTQwMS4xNjcwOTQyNjQz*_ga_9JTEWVX24V*MTY3NDA3NzEzMS40MS4xLjE2NzQwNzkwNzMuNDuMC4w

5) Consulting Services

From assessment and diagnosis to care planning and follow-up, the Alzheimer's Association will work with your health system to transform your dementia care practice. Through our consulting services, we can:

- Analyze data to uncover barriers to quality dementia care
- Provide tools and resources to implement evidence-based strategies
- Perform a gap analysis to identify key areas for process and quality improvement
- Use Triple Aim to optimize health systems performance
- Develop customized solutions to help improve dementia care Management

We will send out follow-up information about this service after the call.

6) Quality Improvement (QI) Services

Alzheimer's Association staff can serve as consultants and/or facilitators on formal QI projects designed to address the unique challenges of your health system, primary care practice or Organization.

Through strategies such as staff training and guidance on the implementation of evidence-based tools and resources, the Association can help you:

- Reduce inefficiencies in process and workflow
- Implement and improve practice standards for person-centered dementia care
- Enhance quality of care and potentially reduce costs

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7) FSU REACH and Alzheimer's Association Collaboration

"Building Better Outcomes"

Here is the 3 Part Series on Working with Patients Living with Dementia in Primary Care Settings.

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StDdTceaMSs> Diagnostic Process

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rmIpQ37kzA> Data and Decisions for the Patient with Dementia

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7altSZMOQt8> Treatment and Care Planning Strategies

The Videos help to understand how to:

- Provide an accurate and timely diagnosis of dementia;
- Use common dementia assessment tools to assist with diagnosis;
- Order imaging procedures and lab tests as appropriate to help diagnose dementia;
- Search for reversible causes of dementia; improve compliance with dementia screening guidelines;
- Anticipate potential complications from dementia treatment in patients with additional health conditions.

Continuing Education Available

8) EssentiALZ

four-hour combined training program that meets state training requirements for long-term and community-based care settings.

Paid professionals working in a long-term or community-based care setting in the state of Florida now can access the essentiALZ Training and Certification, bundled with essentiALZ Plus – Florida, at no-cost, Learn more:

https://www.alz.org/cnfl/helping_you/education_programs/essentialz-training-certification-and-exchange

9) Project ECHO

Project ECHO, a free telementoring program that uses videoconferencing technology to build workforce capacity and improve access to specialty care. Each ECHO program is a distinct, time-limited series. The program enables primary care providers to better understand Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and emphasizes high-quality, person-centered care in community-based settings. They run for 12 (regularly-scheduled) sessions and participants must be present during the live activity to receive one credit hour for that session.

Credits: 1 hour/session, up to 12 hours

Audience: Primary care clinicians and their care teams

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Visit: <https://www.alz.org/professionals/health-systems-medical-professionals/echo-alzheimers-dementia-care-program>

10) Continuing Medical Education Catalog - The Alzheimer's Association offers a number of online Alzheimer's and Dementia courses for scientists, clinicians, physicians and dementia professionals.

https://training.alz.org/ClinicalEducation?_ga=2.142765040.430558374.1674077131-1203781401.1670942643&_gl=1*s8mkfi*_ga*MTlwMzc4MTQwMS4xNjcwOTQyNjQz*_ga_9JTEWVX24V*MTY3NDA3NzEzMS40MS4xLjE2NzQwNzkyOTYuNjAuMC4w

11) **Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease CME course**

This 60-minute CME program highlights the similarities and differences between early- and late-onset Alzheimer's disease, and how onset impacts clinical management.

Upon completion of this session, you will be able to:

- Describe the prevalence of early-onset Alzheimer's disease (EOAD).
- Identify and evaluate the potential differences in clinical presentation for EOAD.
- Understand the role of genetics in EOAD.

Credits: 1 hour *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]

Expiration: June 15, 2023

Audience: Primary care clinicians including internists, family physicians, radiologists, neurologists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants

<https://training.alz.org/products/4105/early-onset-alzheimers-disease-cme>