

Addressing Alzheimer's Together

Helping enhance care for people facing the disease.



The Alzheimer's Crisis



More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, a number that is projected to rise to nearly 13 million by 2050.



Dementia is one of the costliest conditions to society. By 2050, total payments for caring for Americans age 65 and older with Alzheimer's or other dementias could rise to nearly \$1 trillion.



Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's or other dementias are more likely than those without dementia to have other chronic conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes and kidney disease.



Alzheimer's adds to the difficulty and cost of managing care for adults, creating more expensive hospitalizations and increased emergency department visits.



The vast majority of primary care physicians (94%) say it is important to assess all seniors for cognitive impairment, but they only report assessing, on average, just half (50%) of their patients.



Together, we can improve how Alzheimer's is addressed in clinical practice.



Working with the Alzheimer's Association® will help you gain the knowledge necessary to make timely diagnoses and treatment plans, reducing more expensive hospitalizations and allowing you to more effectively manage care and costs. We offer information, tools and programs including:

Consulting and Quality Improvement Services

Alzheimer's Association staff can work with you to identify custom solutions and implement policy change(s) to improve detection and care, at the practice or systems level.

Cognitive Assessment Toolkit

A practical, step-by-step guide to efficiently assess cognition in a primary care setting, including guidance on how to meet the cognitive assessment requirement of the billable Medicare Annual Wellness Visit.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Courses

Free education activities (alz.org/cme) designed for and by medical and scientific professionals to explain the latest developments in this fast-changing field.

Cognitive Impairment Care Planning

Information about CPT® code 99483 and access to the Cognitive Impairment Care Planning Toolkit to help you deliver reimbursable assessment and care plan services under the code.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Care ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Program and Project ECHO Hubs

A free distance-learning program that provides an opportunity to build your expertise as you talk through case studies and learn from leading clinical experts. You can also develop a dementia ECHO hub, joining a growing network of regional organizations, academic medical centers and other health systems to replicate the model.

We are continuously expanding our resources to help health systems and health care professionals provide a timely and accurate diagnosis, take next steps in care management and build clinical capabilities. Visit our Health Care Professionals website for the latest tools and trainings.

alz.org/clinicalcare



Patient and Caregiver Resources

The Alzheimer's Association offers reliable resources, support and information to all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias, including:

Free 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) staffed by master's-level clinicians and specialists, providing confidential support and information all day, every day.

Support groups and education programs available across the country and online. Find your local chapter at [alz.org/CRF](https://www.alz.org/CRF).

Care consultations over the phone or in-person where available. To schedule, call **800.272.3900**.

Online information and resources at [alz.org](https://www.alz.org) to help people facing the disease navigate the challenges that accompany a diagnosis, create customized action plans and more.

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch® a free clinical studies matching service at [alz.org/trialmatch](https://www.alz.org/trialmatch).

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The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®.

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