The Changing Landscape of Alzheimer's Disease: Risk Reduction, Early Detection and Diagnosis, and Intervention

July 18th, 2023



Carter Harrison
Director of State Regulatory
and Legislative Affairs

©U.S.POINTER ALZHEIMER'S () ASSOCIATION

A LANDMARK STUDY

Completed Recruitment **March 2023**



Rush University Medical Center and Advocate Healthcare



New England - RI

Butler, Brown, LifeSpan, and Care **New England**



North Carolina

Wake Forest School of Medicine



Baylor College of Medicine and Kelsey Research Foundation

sites

2,111 participants

Year Intervention

Self-Guided Structured

Results anticipated AAIC 2025



Northern California

UC Davis School of Medicine









National 2023 Facts & Figures





In 2023, Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the nation

\$345 billion

By 2050, these costs could rise to nearly

\$1 trillion



While only 4 in 10 Americans talk to their doctor right away when experiencing early memory or cognitive loss,



7 in 10 would want to know early if they have Alzheimer's disease if it could allow for earlier treatment.



10 HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR BRAIN



Protect your head



Manage diabetes



Be smokefree



Sleep well



Get moving



Stay in school



Challenge your mind



Eat right



Control your blood pressure



Maintain a healthy weight

To learn more, visit 10 Healthy Habits



Diagnosis

- Observing cognitive decline
- Computerized tomography (CT)
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Amyloid PET
- Tau PET
- Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) PET
- Cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers (CSF)
- Blood tests





Treatment

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved medications for Alzheimer's. These fall into two categories:
 - Drugs that temporarily ease some symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.
 - Medications do not stop the damage Alzheimer's causes to brain cells, they may help lessen or stabilize symptoms for a limited time.
 - Drugs that change disease progression in people living with Alzheimer's.
 - Medications that slow the decline of memory and thinking, as well as function, in people living with Alzheimer's disease.





Outcomes of Early Diagnosis and Intervention

- Time to assemble medical and caregiving teams
- Adjust medical treatment for comorbid conditions
- Plan for transitions in care
- Address potential safety issues
- Cost savings





Questions?

