

Multidomain Interventions for the Prevention of Late in Life Alzheimer's disease and Dementia

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Dementia and Alzheimer (AD) prevention

The multidomain approach: the FINGER model

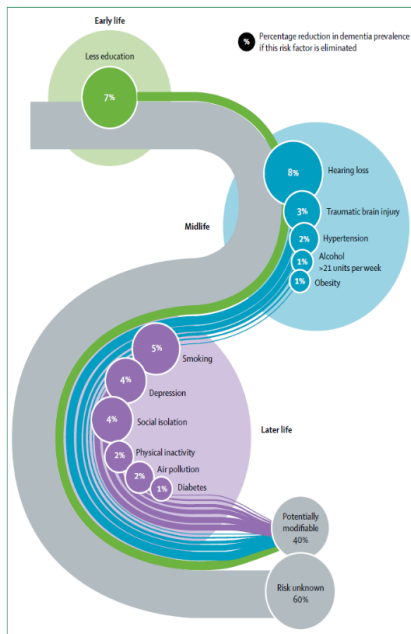
From FINGER to World-Wide FINGERS

Prevention at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Future!

Prevention of Alzheimer's disease and dementia

Dementia prevention, intervention, and care: 2020 report of the *Lancet* Commission



Modifiable risk factors for dementia

Prevention Potential \approx 40%

Multidomain & tailored interventions

Livingston et al, Lancet Commission 2020

RISK REDUCTION OF COGNITIVE DECLINE AND DEMENTIA

WHO GUIDELINES

EVIDENCE PROFILES

Physical activity interventions
Tobacco cessation interventions
Nutritional interventions
Interventions for alcohol use disorder
Cognitive interventions
Social activity
Weight management
Management of hypertension
Management of diabetes
Management of dyslipidaemia
Management of depression
Management of hearing loss



World Health Organization

WHO 2019 (update ongoing)



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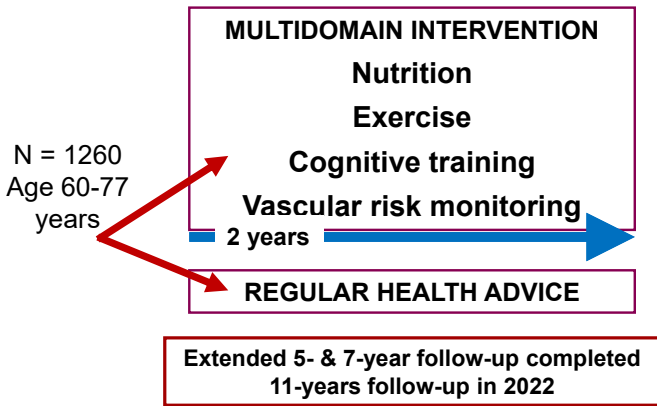


FROM KNOWLEDGE ABOUT RISK FACTORS TO CLINICAL TRIALS AND SUSTAINABLE IMPLEMENTATION

- **Multidomain interventions: several simultaneous targets**
- **One size does not fit all! Tailor interventions: maximize the individual's prevention potential**
- **Mechanistic foundation**
- **Optimal time windows**

The FINGER model

FINGER



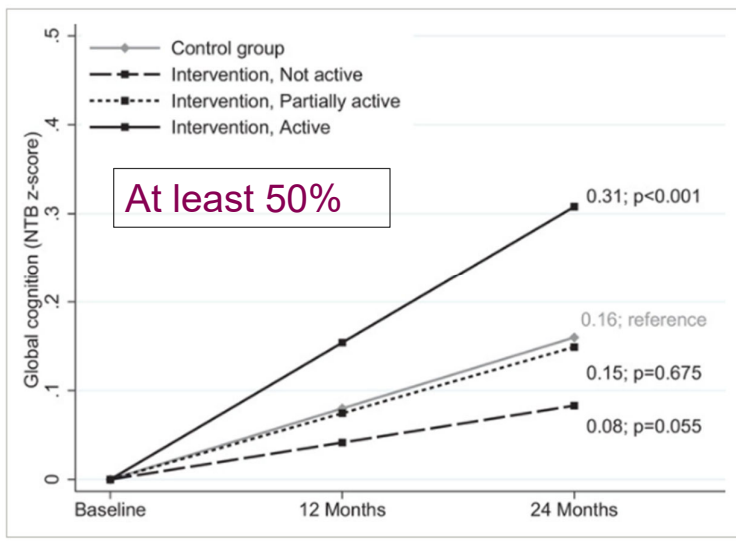
- Cognitive benefits
- 20% lower risk cardiovascular events
- 30% lower risk for functional decline
- 60% lower risk of chronic diseases
- Better health related quality of life
- Health-economical benefits

Lancet 2015; JAMA Neurology 2018, Eur Ger Med 2017, JAMDA 2017, JAGS 2019; Alzheimer's Dementia 2021; European J Cardiology 2022

The FINGER model

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The effect of adherence on cognition



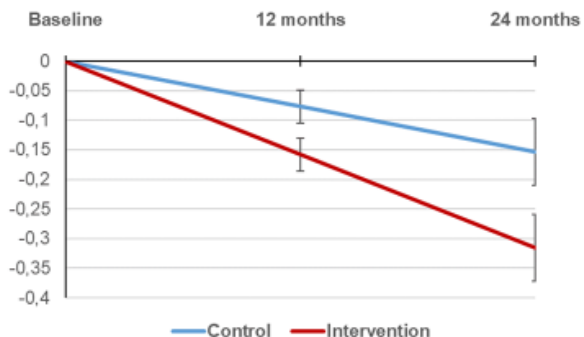
- Active participation is associated with better cognition
- Supporting adherence is essential!

DEMENTIA RISK REDUCTION:

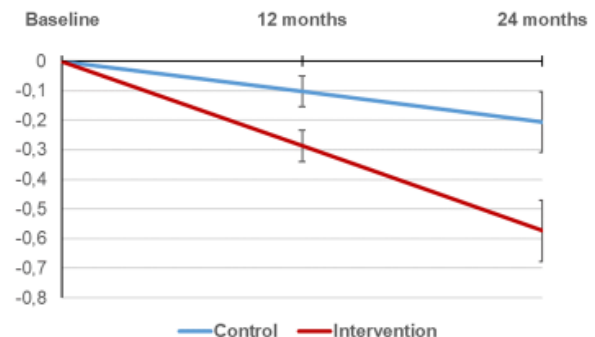
Intervention effects on change in Dementia Risk Scores



CAIDE score



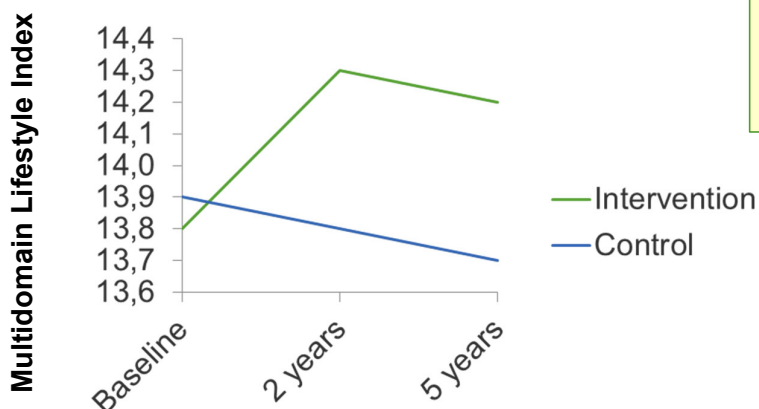
LIBRA score



The FINGER multidomain lifestyle intervention reduced the overall dementia risk

Solomon, Kivipelto, Ngandu et al., *J Alz Dis* 2021, Deckers et al., *Alz & Dem* 2021

Long-term beneficial effects of the multidomain intervention ?



DEMENTIA RISK REDUCTION:
Improved lifestyle changes were maintained at 5 years

Rissanen, Kivipelto et al, in preparation

Mechanisms and mediating pathways?

APOE4 carriers - clear beneficial effects

JAMA Neurology | Original Investigation April 2018 Volume 75, Number 4

Effect of the Apolipoprotein E Genotype on Cognitive Change During a Multidomain Lifestyle Intervention A Subgroup Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial

Alina Solomon, MD, PhD; Heidi Turunen, BM; Tiia Ngandu, MD, PhD; Markku Peltonen, PhD; Esko Levälähti, MSc; Seppo Helisalmi, PhD; Riitta Antikainen, MD, PhD; Lars Bäckman, PhD; Tuomo Hämmänen, PhD; Antti Jula, MD, PhD; Tiina Laatikainen, MD, PhD; Jenni Lehtisalo, MSc; Jaana Lindström, PhD; Teemu Paajanen, MA, Psy; Satu Pajala, PhD; Anna Stigsdotter-Neely, PhD; Timo Strandberg, MD, PhD; Jaakko Tuomilehto, MD, PhD; Hilikka Soininen, MD, PhD; Miia Kivipelto, MD, PhD



Higher AD polygenic risk score (PRS) - clear beneficial effects (prel. results)

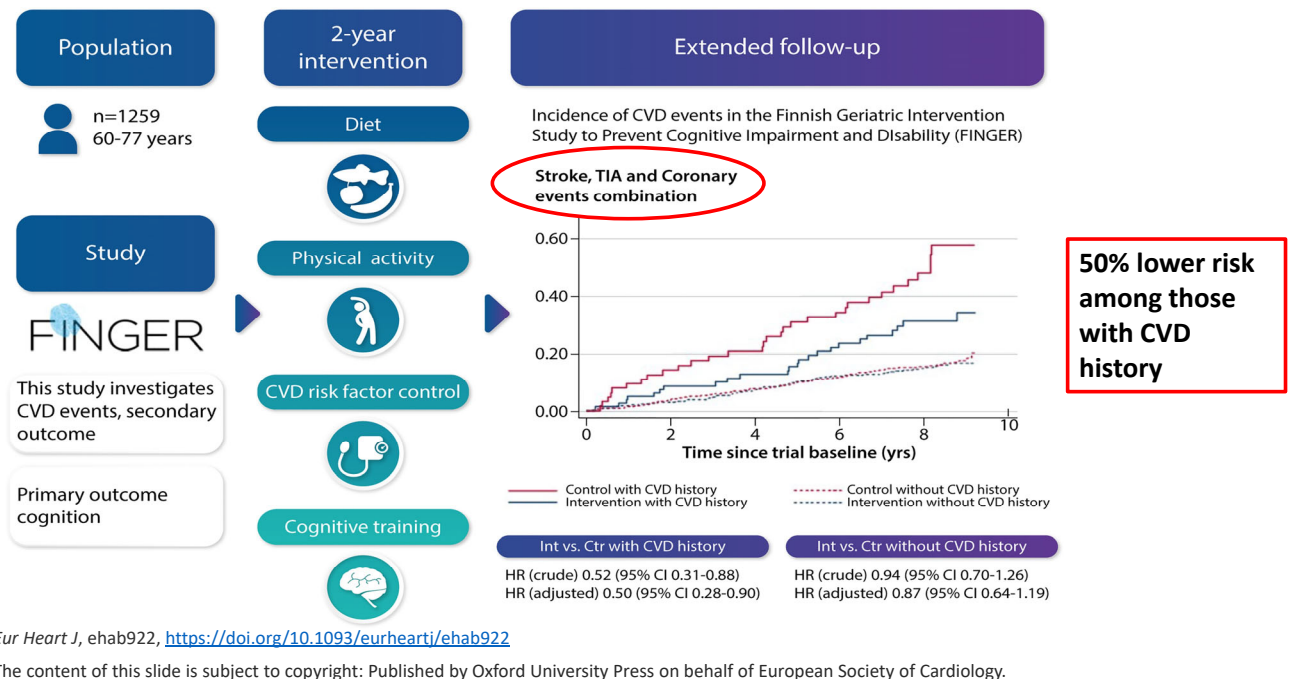
Cognitive end point	PRS	PRS without APOE			PRS with APOE		
		Difference between intervention and control groups per year		PRS*intervention*time interaction	Difference between intervention and control groups per year		PRS*intervention*time interaction
		Estimate (95% CI)	p-value	p-value	Estimate (95% CI)	p-value	p-value
NTB total score	< median	0.009 (-0.018 - 0.037)	0.515	0.093	0.008 (-0.019 - 0.035)	0.560	0.331
	> median	0.038 (0.010 - 0.067)	0.009		0.042 (0.013 - 0.071)	0.005	
NTB complex memory	< median	0.014 (-0.037 - 0.066)	0.582	0.047	0.003 (-0.047 - 0.053)	0.894	0.031
	> median	0.069 (0.019 - 0.119)	0.006		0.086 (0.035 - 0.137)	0.001	

Mixed effects regression models with maximum likelihood estimation; change in cognition analyzed as a function of randomization group, time, PRS, and their interactions (group*time, PRS*time, PRS*group, PRS*group*time). Adjusted for study site, age at baseline, sex, age*time and sex*time interactions. For PRS without APOE, analyses additionally adjusted for APOEε4 and APOEε4*time interaction. p-value for PRS*intervention*time shown from models with continuous PRS.

Solomon, Hiltunen, Kivipelto et al., manuscript

PRS description: <https://doi.org/10.1101/19012021>

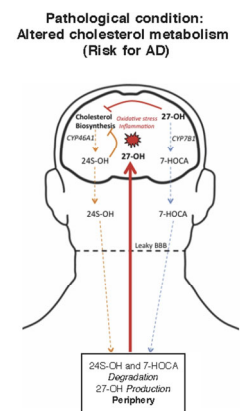
Incidence of cardiovascular events in the FINGER trial after a 2-year multidomain lifestyle intervention and extended follow-up stratified by the cardiovascular event history.



Other (emerging) mechanisms

• Cholesterol and lipids

- **27-hydroxycholesterol (27-OH)**, a possible link between peripheral hypercholesterolemia and AD
- Higher 27-OH in the periphery is associated to poorer cognition and reduced cortical volumes
- Improved cognition from FINGER intervention was associated with reduced 27-OH (Matton, Kivipelto et al., Alz Research Therapy 2021)



• Metabolomics, Proteomics, Inflammatory markers, P-Tau, amyloid, NFL etc

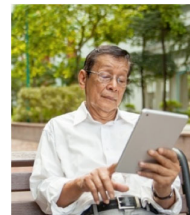
- Ongoing analyses

From FINGER To



Launched 2017 PI: Miia Kivipelto

- Urgent need to expand FINGER work to test the **generalizability, adaptability, and sustainability** in diverse populations worldwide
- **Harmonize** research methods in prevention trials
- **Share** experiences and data and plan joint dementia prevention initiatives



Lancet 2015

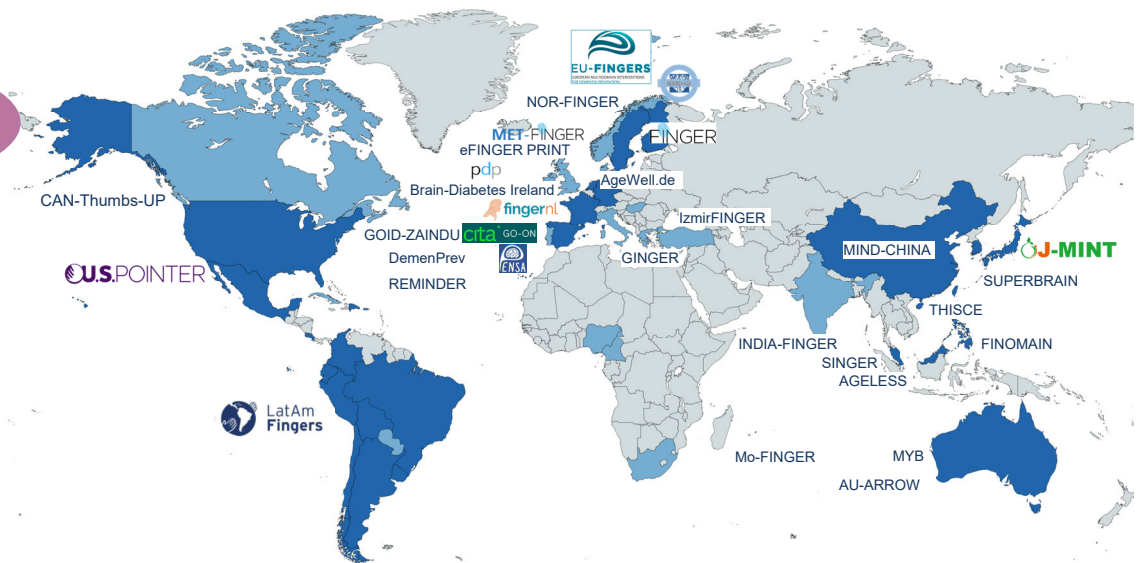


WW-FINGERS Network



Covid-19 related methodological challenges

- Countries with studies in planning stage
- Countries with ongoing studies



Participating countries 2022: 45+

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic and brain health



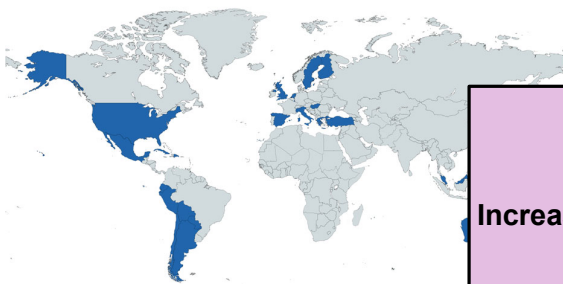
Pandemic direct and indirect effects on cognition:

- infection effects on CNS
- infection effects on organs and systems
- disruption of regular healthcare
- effects of physical distancing measures



**WHO collaboration:
Neurology and COVID-19
global forum**

World-Wide FINGERS-SARS-CoV2 survey



To assess the indirect effects of the pandemic on :

- Lifestyle and risk factors
- Medical care of chronic conditions
- Mental wellbeing

Less physical activity
~30%

Increased intake of unhealthy snacks
~25%

More sleeping problems
~25%

Experience of loneliness
~ 40%

Memory decline (self reported)
~ 15-25%

Country	Subjects N	Female %
USA	109	49%
Canada	193	71%
UK	100	67%
Germany	15	NA
France	11	NA
Spain	735	47%
Italy	380	56%
Japan	100	NA
China	394	65%
India	600	61%
South Korea	90	NA
Sweden	100	51%
Denmark	82	54%
Norway	215	61%
Finland	152	70%
Poland	7272	58%
Netherlands	4036	75%
Turkey	222	64%
UK	7752	53%
USA	1011	74%
Total	23569	



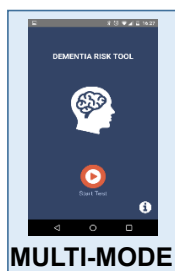
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New technology & Digital solutions: Personalized, Effective and Feasible, Scalable Interventions and Implementation

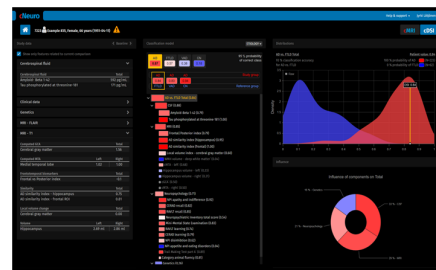
E-Health & M-Health tools

Machine learning and AI

Clinical decision support



MULTI-MODE



eFINGER PRINT



E-FINGERS

AI-FINGERS

Secure Data Sharing and Harmonization to accelerate discovery

COGNITIVE

CLINICAL

LIFESTYLE

BLOOD MARKERS

AD biomarkers
Omics in clinical trials

GENETICS

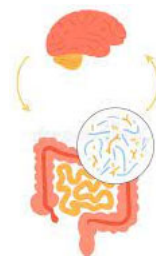
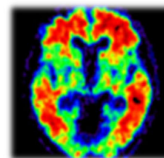
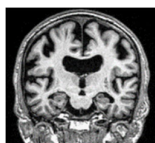
GWAS in clinical trials

BRAIN IMAGING

Novel in-vivo pathology imaging

CSF MARKERS

MICROBIOME



ADDI
Alzheimer's Disease
Data Initiative

Next generation of clinical trials: Combine updated FINGER lifestyle model + drugs

FINGER 2.0

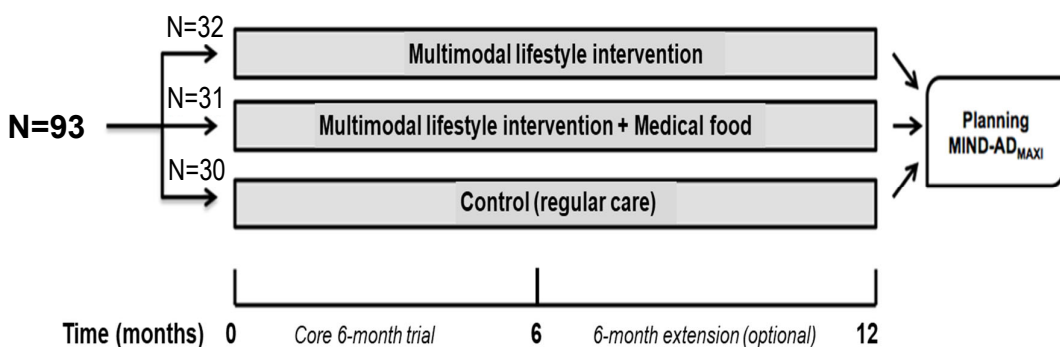


Implementation



Multimodal preventive trial for Alzheimer's Disease: MIND-ADMINI

Target group: prodromal AD + vascular + lifestyle risk factors



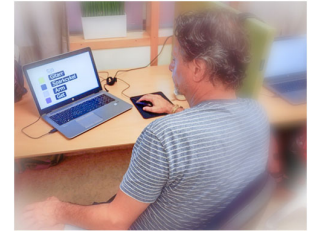
- Trial completed Dec 2019
- Electronic data entry and processing completed in Dec 2020 (delays due to Covid-19).
- Mean age 72.9 years
- MMSE 27.6 points
- Vascular and lifestyle-related risk factors were common



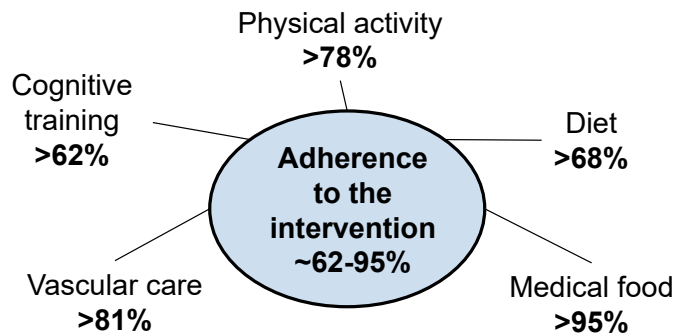


MIND-AD preliminary results

Target group: Prodromal AD
+ lifestyle + vascular risk factors



Preliminary compliance data



Importance of **social component** and adapting the intervention to the target population

Sindi, Kivipelto et al., JPAD 2022

LipiDiDiet: Lancet Neurol 2017; Alz & Dem 2020

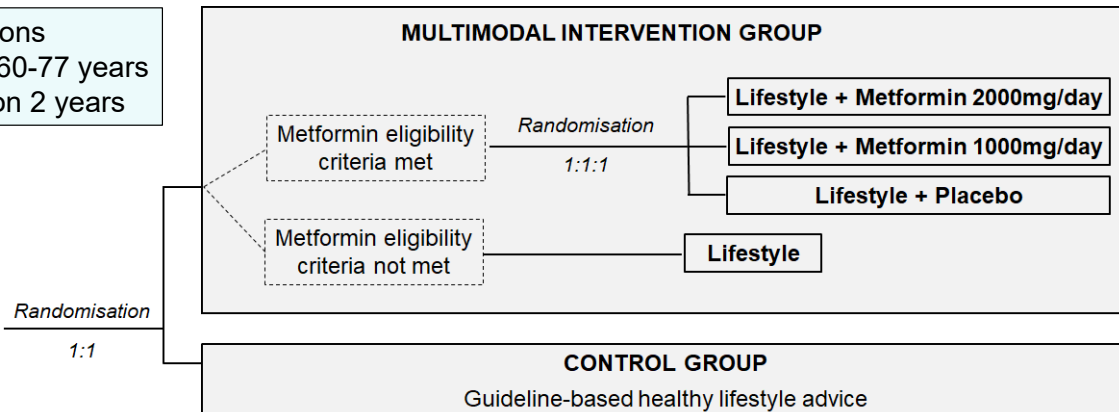
MET-FINGER

MET-FINGER study diagram

Phase 2b proof of concept trial

Diabetes medicine metformin
Repurposed drug approach

At risk persons
Age range 60-77 years
Trial duration 2 years



Outcomes:
memory and cognition
Brain scans
Alzheimer related biomarkers

Lifestyle domains: nutrition, exercise, cognitive and social activities, cardiovascular / metabolic risk factors

Can Dementia and Alzheimer (AD) be prevented?

- YES, a significant portion of cases can be prevented or at least delayed. Importance of the multidomain approach.
- It is never too early or too late!

From FINGER to World-Wide FINGERS

- The FINGER multidomain preventive model was feasible and effective. The model is being adapted and optimized globally to develop sustainable interventions in different settings

Prevention at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic?

- It is even more important! Requires innovative approaches and collaboration.

Future!

- Precision prevention: tailored interventions for specific at-risk profiles.
- Combination Lifestyle + Pharma + E-FINGERS.
- Implementation

Thank you for your attention!

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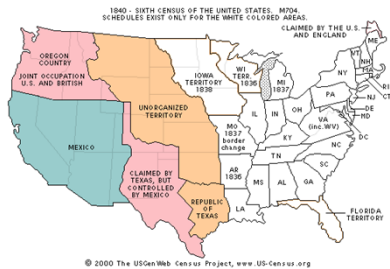
MIND Diet for Dementia

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Objectives

- ✓ Identify four major points that frame challenges related to nutrition.
- 🔍 Differentiate between components of nutrition and patterns of nutrition.
- 📄 Review evidence for Mediterranean, DASH, and MIND diets.
- 🍴 Make you very hungry!
- 🚫 No disclosures to share.



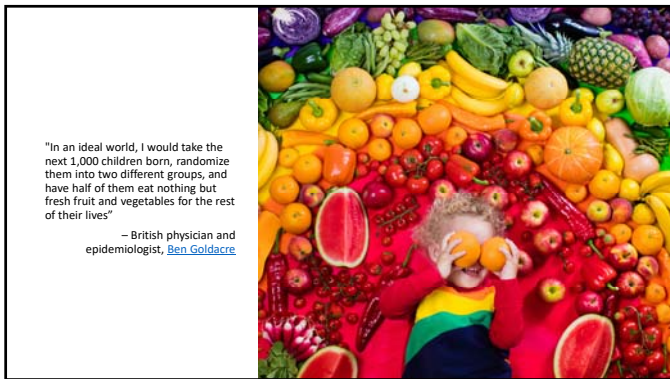
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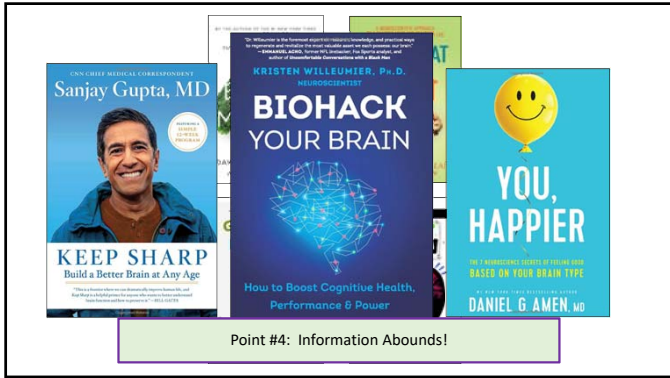


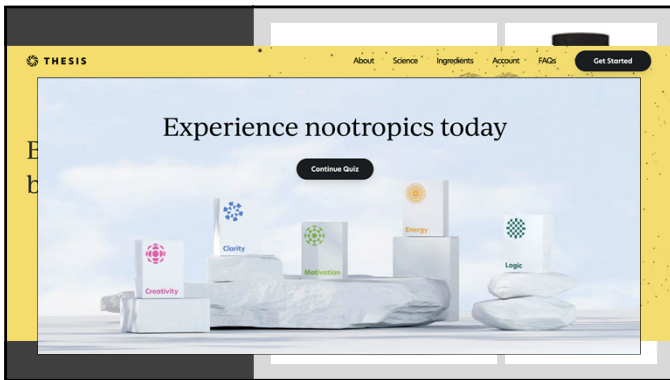
Point #2: Access to Excess

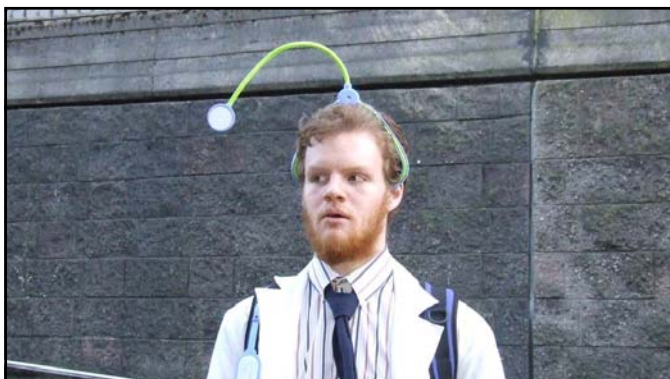


Point #3: Nutrition Research is Quite Challenging

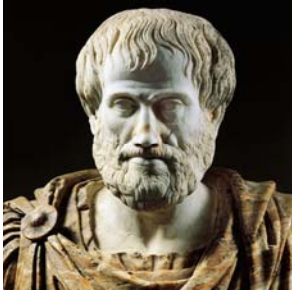








“The whole is greater than the sum of the parts.”



*“In the case of all things which have several parts and in which the **totality is not, as it were, a mere heap, but the whole is something besides the parts, there is a cause, for even in bodies contact is the cause of unity in some cases, and in others viscosity or some other such quality.**”*

Aristotle
 Metaphysics, Book VIII, 1045a.8–10
 ~2370 years ago
 Book VIII, 1045a.8–10



Nutrition and prevention of cognitive impairment

Mildred Symons, Colin A. Aristotle, Amy Hernandez
© 2019. Nutrition is an important lifestyle factor that can modify the risk of future cognitive impairment and dementia. [Source](#).

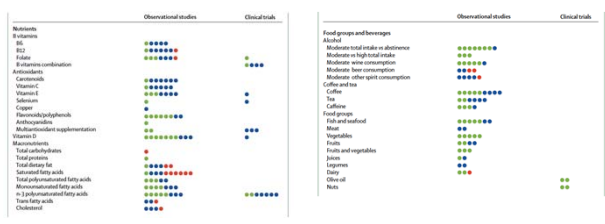


Figure: Summary of the evidence for the effects of nutrients, food groups, and dietary patterns on cognitive outcomes. Each circle represents a study. Green circles indicate a protective effect, blue circles a neutral (no significant) effect, and red circles a detrimental effect. ©2019. Dietary Approaches to Preventing Dementia. [WUOL](#). [Nutrition and prevention of cognitive impairment](#). [Information for Neurodegenerative Dementia](#).



The Seven Countries Study

Lyon Diet Heart Study

Figure 3. Cumulative survival without nonfatal infarction, without major secondary end points, and without minor secondary end points (90% CI).

This article has been retracted.

A correction has been published 1

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

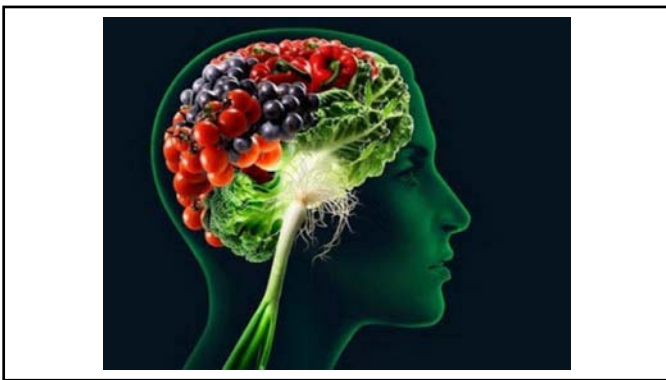
Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet



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Article
Figures/Media
Metrics
April 4, 2013

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	<p>Published in final edited form as: <i>Alzheimers Dement.</i> 2015 September ; 11(9): 1007-1014. doi:10.1016/j.jalz.2014.11.009.</p>
	<p>MIND Diet Associated with Reduced Incidence of Alzheimer's Disease Martha Clare Morris, S.D.¹, Christy C. Tangney, Ph.D.², Yamin Wang, Ph.D.¹, Frank M. Sacks, M.D.³, David A Bennett, M.D.^{3,4}, and Neelum T. Aggarwal, M.D.^{3,4}</p>

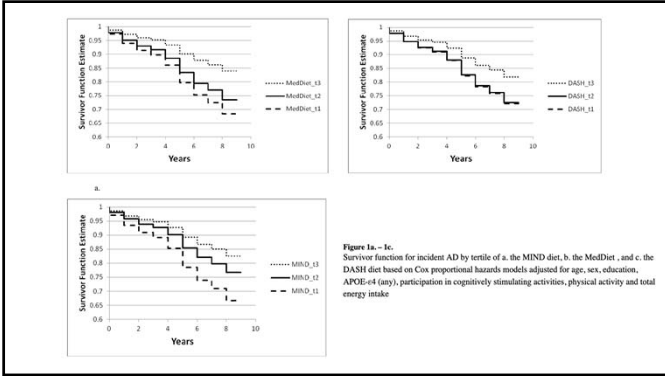


Figure 1a - 1c. Survival function for incident AD by tertile of a. the MIND diet, b. the MedDiet, and c. the DASH diet based on Cox proportional hazards models adjusted for age, sex, education, APOE-ε4 (any), participation in cognitively stimulating activities, physical activity and total energy intake

DASH ^a	Max Score	Mediterranean Diet components	Max Score	MIND components	Max Score
Total Grains ≥7/d	1	Nonrefined Grains ≥4/d	5	Whole Grains ≥3/d	1
Vegetables ≥4/d	1	Vegetables ≥4/d	5	Green Leafy ≥6/wk	1
		Potatoes ≥2/d	5	Other Vegetables ≥1/d	1
Fruits ≥4/d	1	Fruits ≥3/d	5	Berries ≥2/wk	1
Dairy ≥2/d	1	Full-fat Dairy ≤10/wk	5		
Meat, poultry & fish ≥2/d	1	Red meat ≤1/wk	5	Red Meat and products <1/wk	1
		Fish ≥6/wk	5	Fish ≥17/wk	1
		Poultry ≥3/wk	5	Poultry ≥2/wk	1
Nuts, seeds & legumes ≥4/wk	1	Legumes, nuts & beans ≥6/wk	5	Beans ≥3/wk	1
				Nuts ≥5 /wk	1
Total Fat ≤ 27% of kcal	1			Fat/fried food <1/wk	1
Saturated Fat < 9% of kcal	1				
		Olive oil ≥1/d	5	Olive Oil primary oil	1
				Butter, margarine <1/d	1
				Cheese <1/wk	1
Sweets ≤ 5/wk	1			Pastries, sweets <5/wk	1
Sodium ≤ 2400mg/d	1				
		Alcohol < 300mL/d but ≥0	5	Alcohol/wine 1/d	1
TOTAL DASH Score	10	TOTAL MedDiet Score	35	Total MIND Score	15

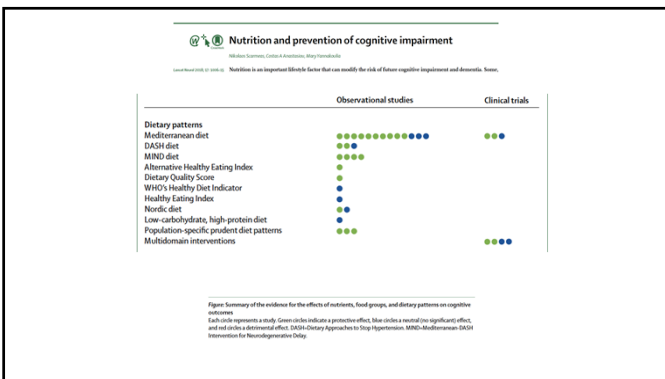
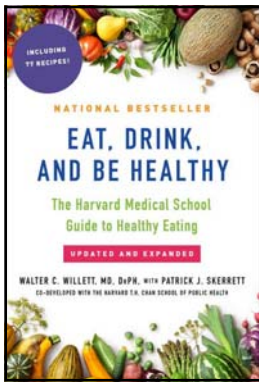


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To Summarize...

- Lifespan and caloric availability have increased pretty substantially over time.
- Nutrition science is challenging, producing uncertainty for patients and providers alike.
- Solid evidence to support nutritional patterns.
- Resources exist!



Resources

- OldWays: Cultural Food Traditions
 - <https://oldwayspt.org/>
- Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Nutrition Source
 - <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/>
- Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine, Culinary Medicine Certification Program
 - <https://www.healthymedicalfood.com/>
- Mediterranean Diet as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
 - <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ri/mediterranean-diet-00084>
- Apps of Interest
 - FoodWitch: has a camera feature that allows you to find healthy alternatives within a category in the grocery store by scanning a bar code. Created by a Northwestern University cardiologist.
 - PiFood: take a picture of something in your pantry and it will provide recipes for you!



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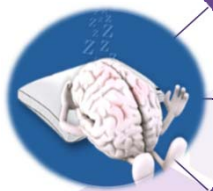
Detox the Brain with Deep Sleep

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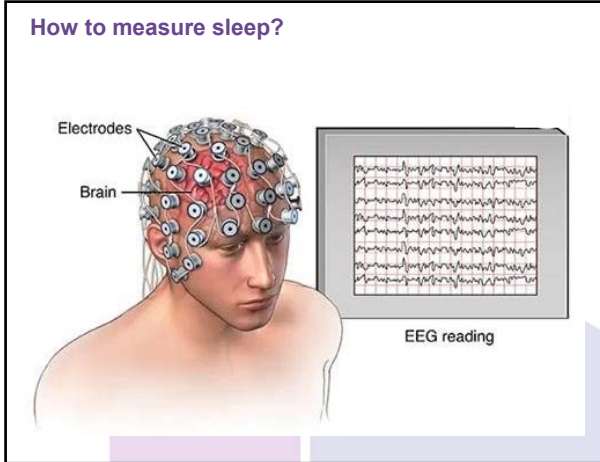
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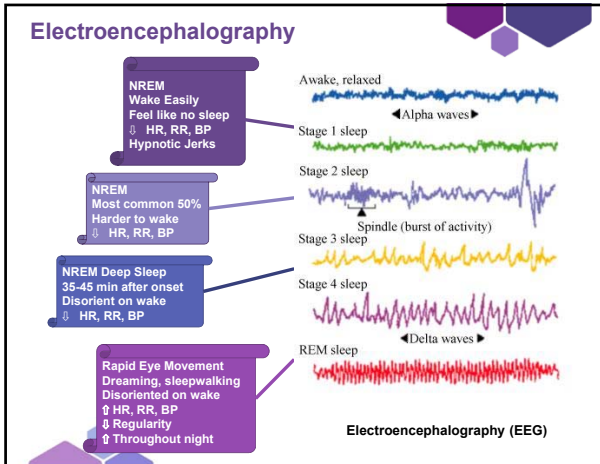


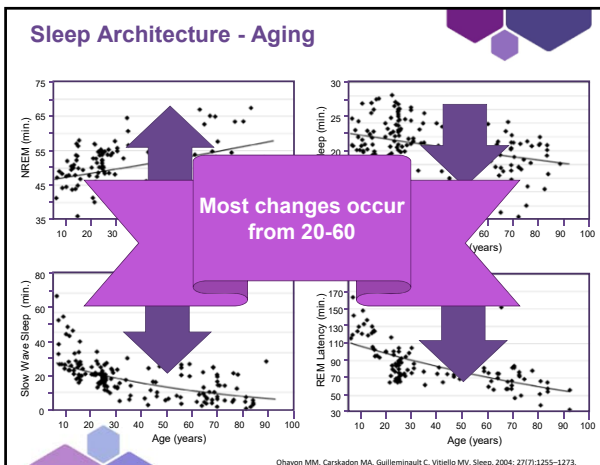
- Function unknown**
 - Neuronal communication
 - Toxin removal
 - Memory consolidation
 - Immune system
- Sleep Deprivation**
 - Death (Animal study)
 - Mood
 - Safety
- Poor Sleep**
 - Heart Disease
 - Diabetes
 - Depression
 - Cancer
 - Colds
 - Dementia

Does sleep change with age?

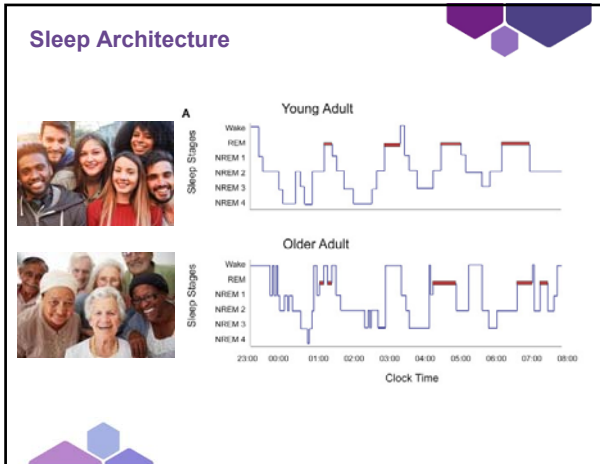


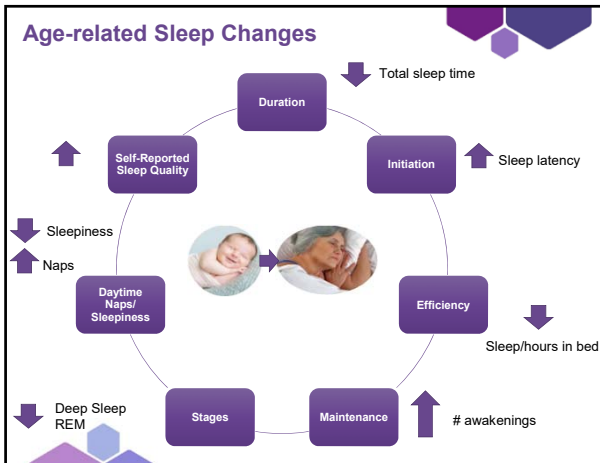


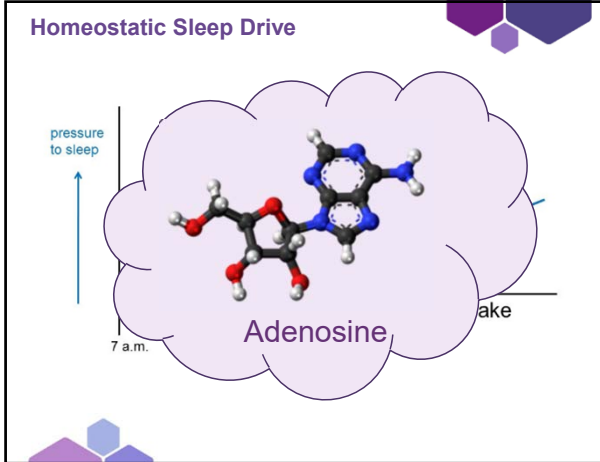


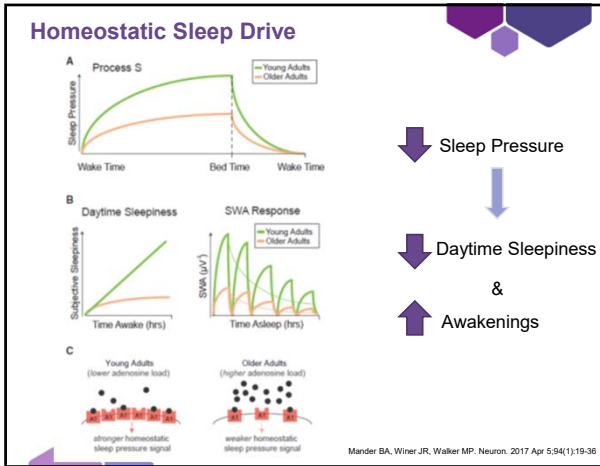


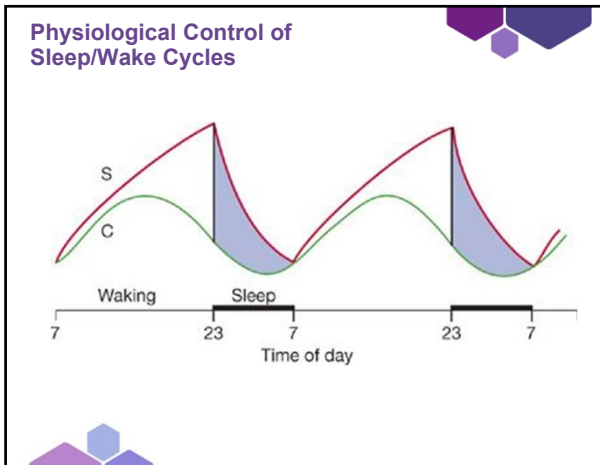


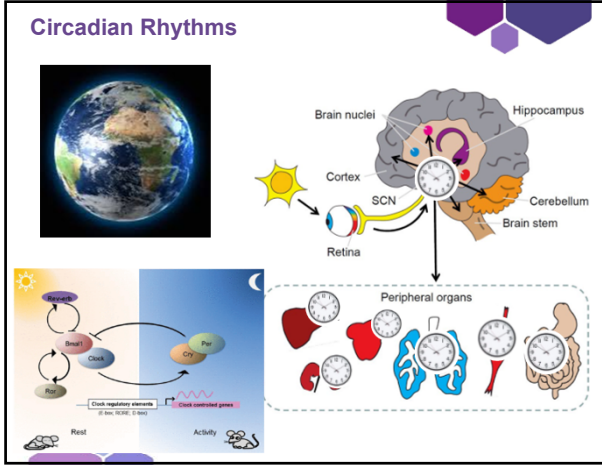


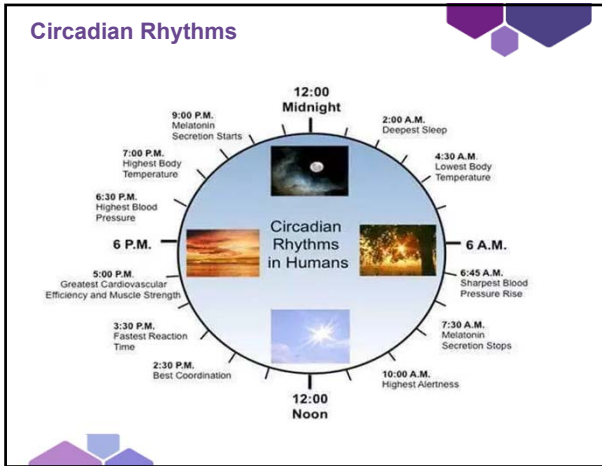


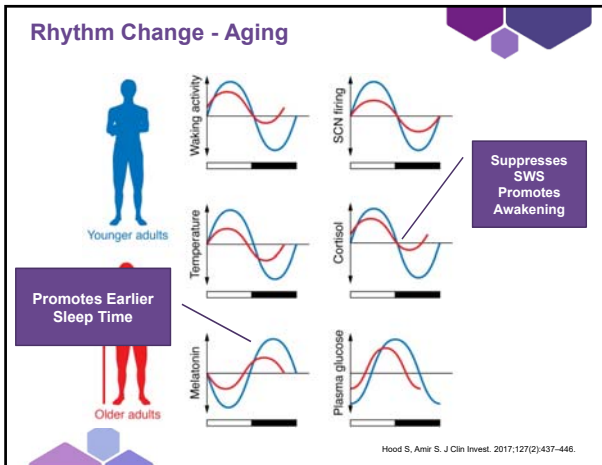


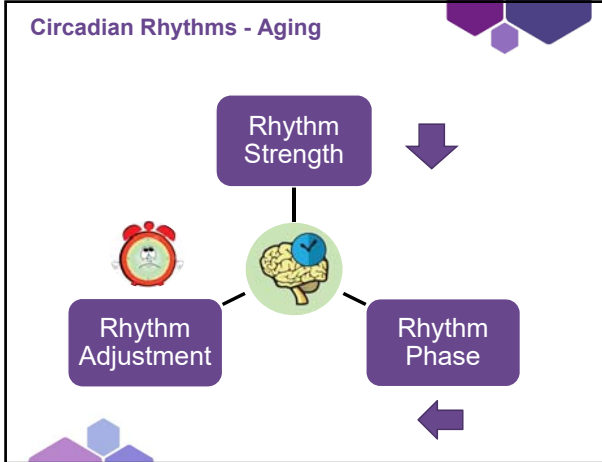


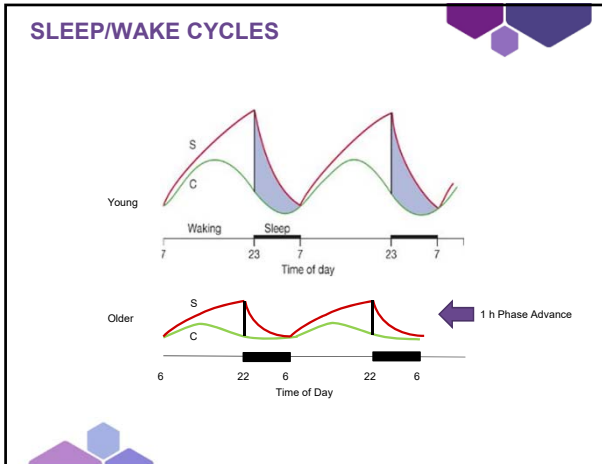




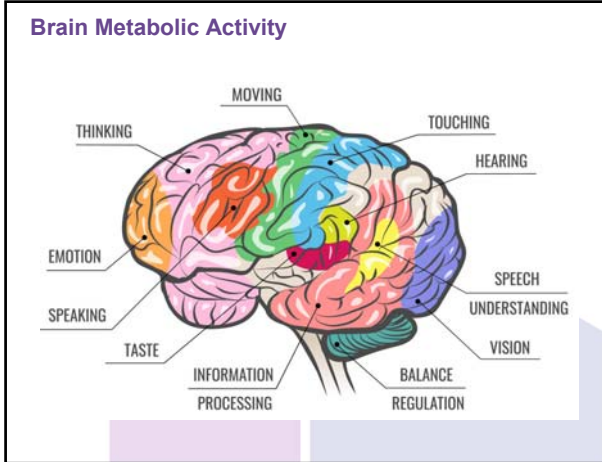




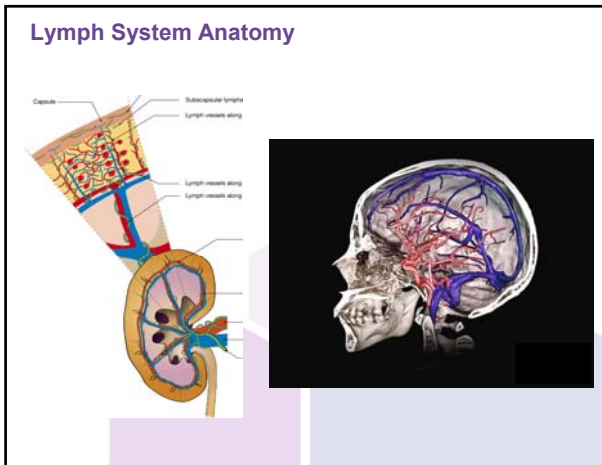




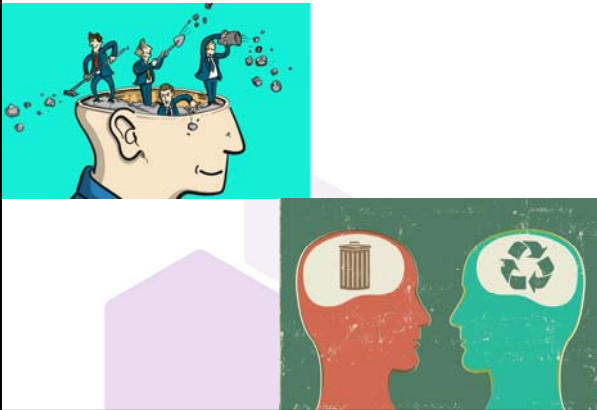




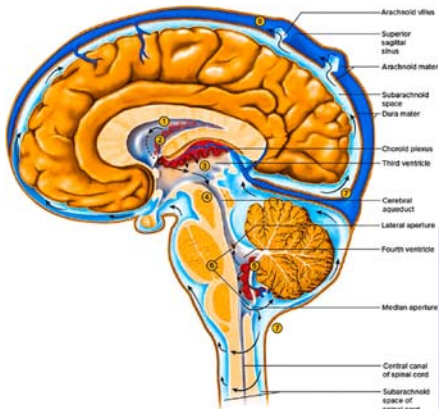




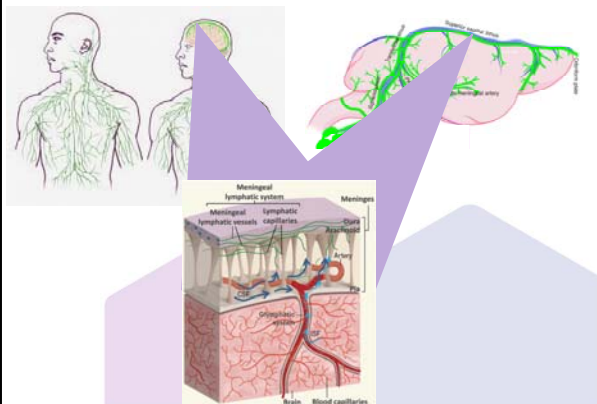
How does the brain handle waste?



CSF – the brain's lymphatic system?



Meningeal Lymphatics

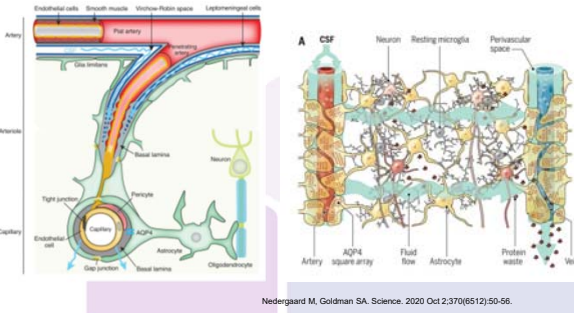


The Glymphatic System

Glial-derived lymphatic-like function

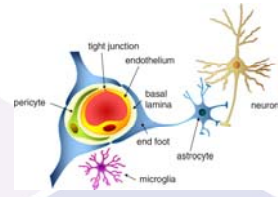
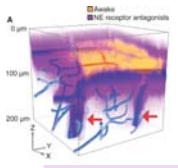
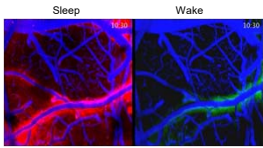


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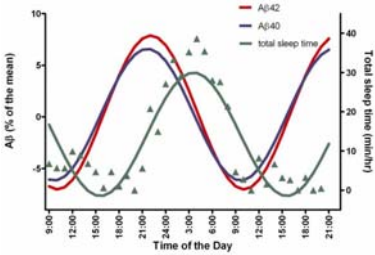
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Glymphatic Flow during Sleep



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Sleep Removes Aβ from CSF

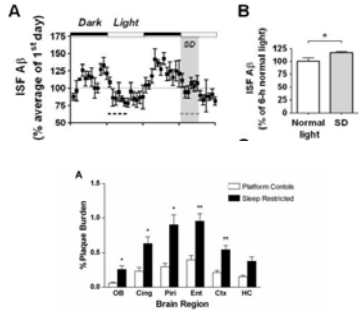


Aβ production = wakefulness due to increased neuronal activity
Aβ production reduced during SWS
Aβ cleared by glymphatic flow during sleep

Huang Y, Potter R, Sigurdson W, et al. Arch Neurol. 2011;69(1):51-58.

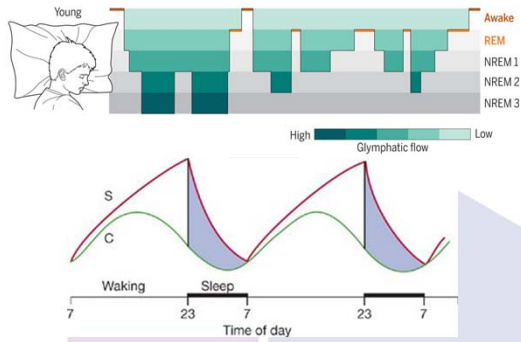
Sleep Deprivation Increases Plaque Burden and CSF A β

- Tg2576 Mice
- 5-fold increase in A β 40 and a 10- to 15-fold increase in A β 42/43
- 6 h sleep deprivation



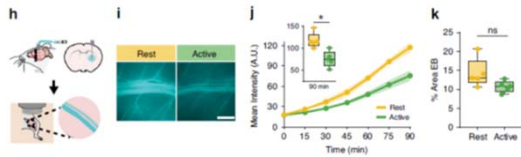
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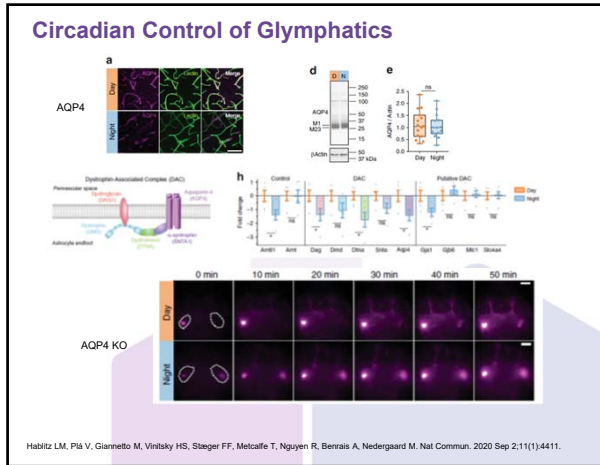


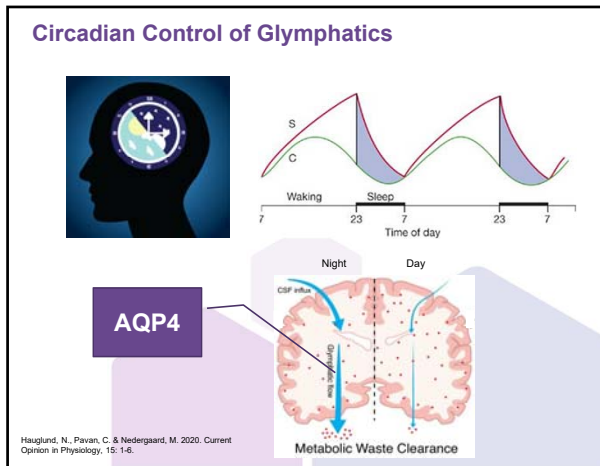
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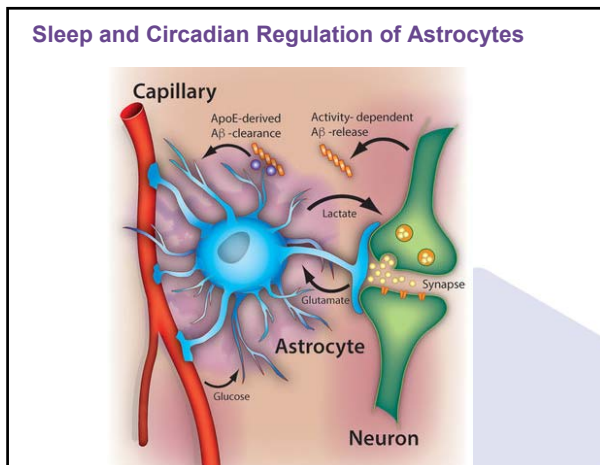
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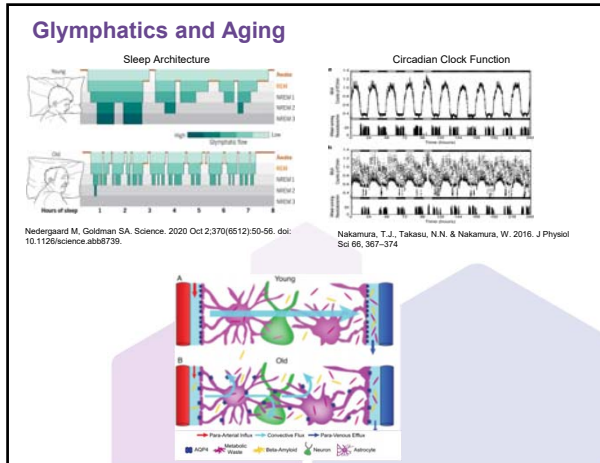


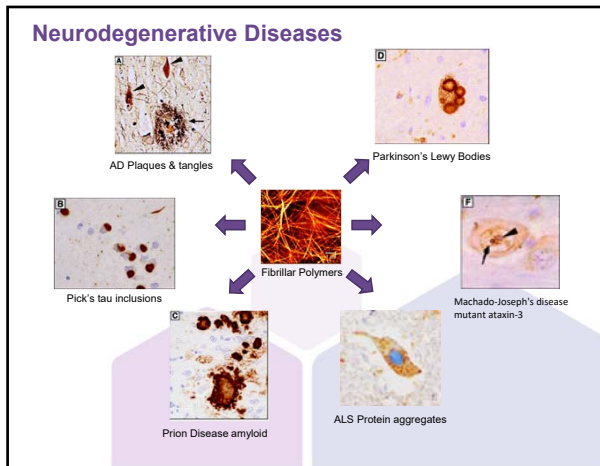
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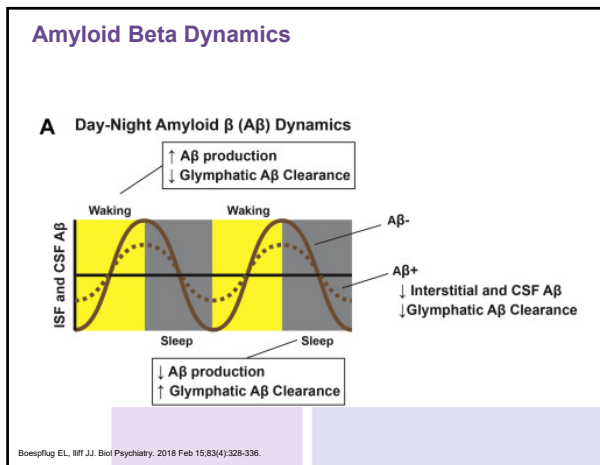


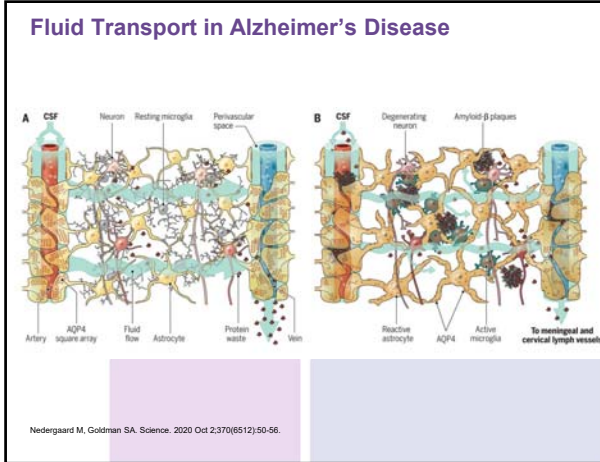


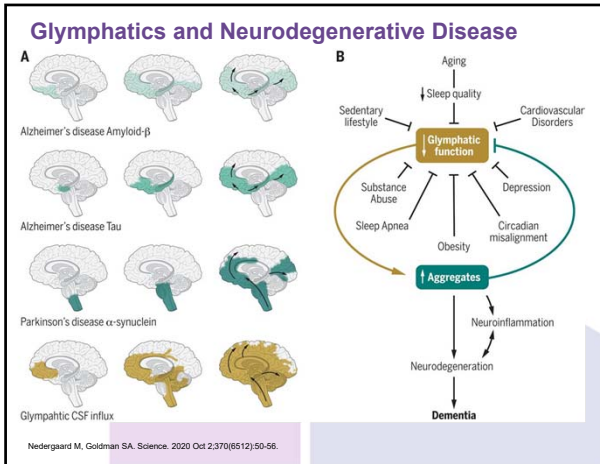


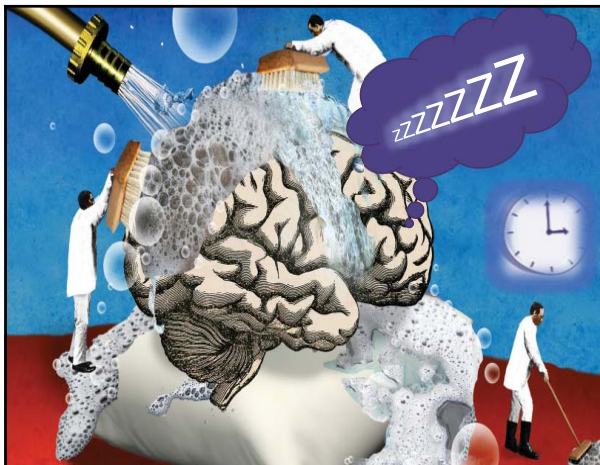












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Pharmacologic Treatments

FDA-approved and dietary supplements

Tom Ala, MD

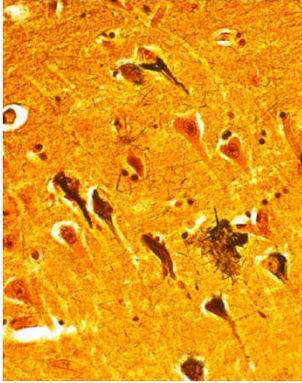


OBJECTIVES TODAY

- What is Alzheimer's disease?
- Explain its disease trajectory.
- Explain how the FDA-approved drugs affect its trajectory.
- Review donepezil, rivastigmine, galantamine, and memantine.
- Review aducanumab and three similar drugs.
 - lecanemab, donanemab, gantenerumab
- Explain what dietary supplements are.

ALZHEIMER'S IS A DEGENERATIVE DISEASE

- The brain cells are dying off.
- The patient's thinking ability fades away.
- The exact cause is uncertain.
- There are no treatments proven to stop or slow the degeneration.



Neurofibrillary tangles
Amyloid plaques
Loss of brain cells
Neurotransmitter imbalances

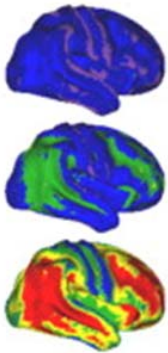
BRAIN ATROPHY



Normal brain



Alzheimer's brain

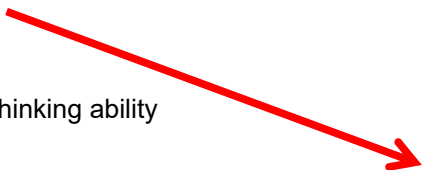


The protein amyloid accumulates in the brain.



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THE TRAJECTORY OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



Thinking ability

Without treatment

MEDICATIONS TO TREAT ALZHEIMER'S



MEDICATIONS TO TREAT ALZHEIMER'S

- Symptomatic drugs
- Disease-modifying drugs

SYMPTOMATIC DRUGS

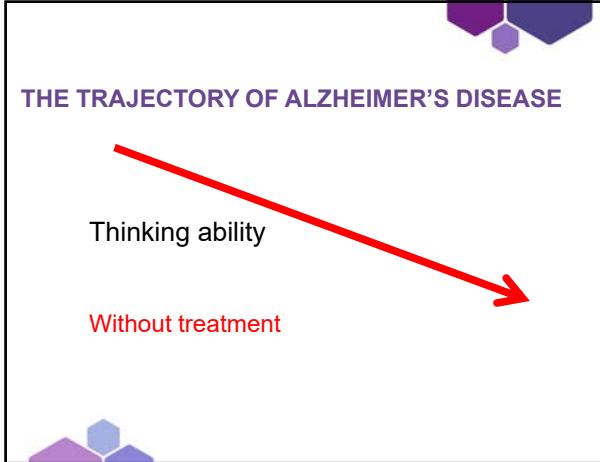
- treat the **symptoms**

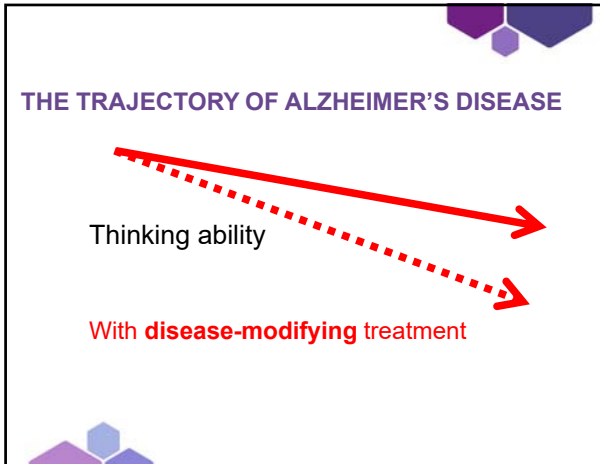
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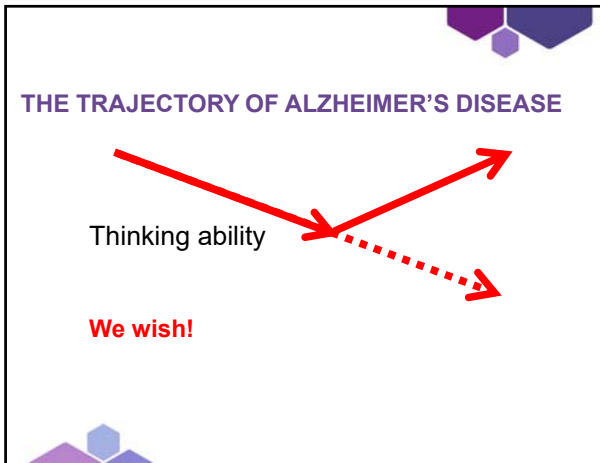
- Memory loss
- Behavioral problems
 - Delusions
 - Hallucinations
 - Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Agitation
 - Apathy
- Disordered sleep
- Etc.

DISEASE-MODIFYING DRUGS

- treat the disease itself







TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S

- Up until 2021, there had been no new FDA-approved drugs to treat AD in the past 18 years.

FDA-APPROVED DRUGS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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| donepezil |  |
| rivastigmine |  |
| galantamine |  |
| memantine |  |
| donepezil + memantine |  |

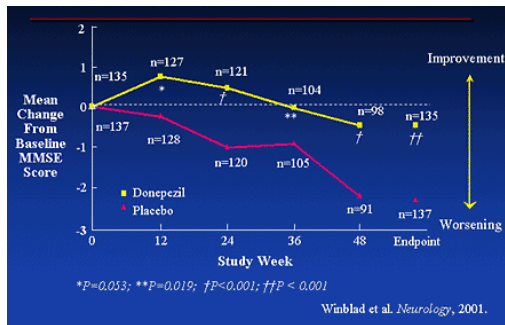
FDA-APPROVED DRUGS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • donepezil • rivastigmine • galantamine | } increase acetylcholine acetylcholine esterase inhibitors (AChEIs) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • memantine | interferes with glutamate |

FDA-APPROVED DRUGS FOR ALZHEIMER'S

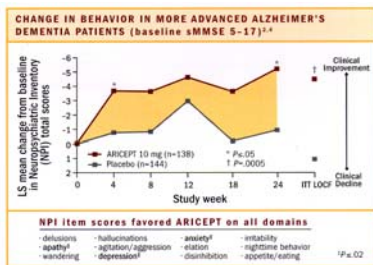
- Alter the balance of neurotransmitters in the brain
 - donepezil (Aricept®)
 - galantamine (Razadyne®)
 - rivastigmine (Exelon®)
 - memantine (Namenda®)

THESE DRUGS CAN IMPROVE COGNITION IN ALZHEIMER'S



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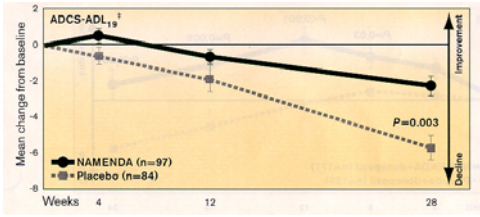
THESE DRUGS CAN IMPROVE BEHAVIOR IN ALZHEIMER'S



Neuropsychiatric Inventory Scale

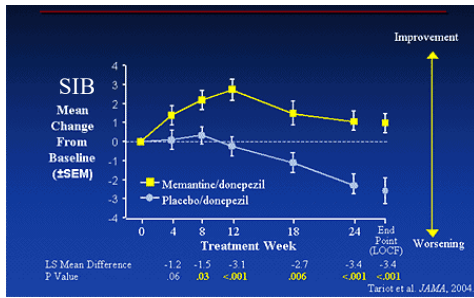
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THESE DRUGS CAN IMPROVE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING IN ALZHEIMER'S



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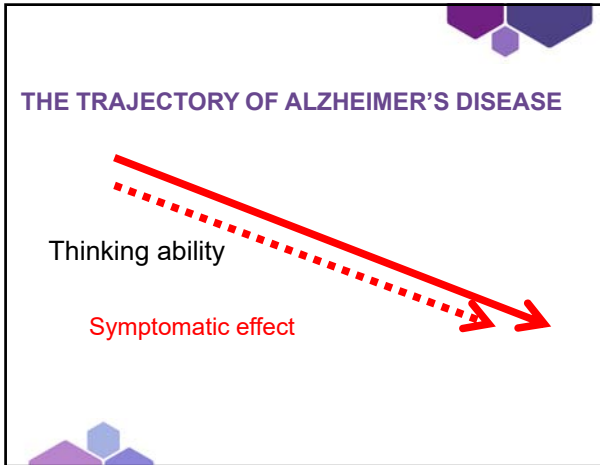
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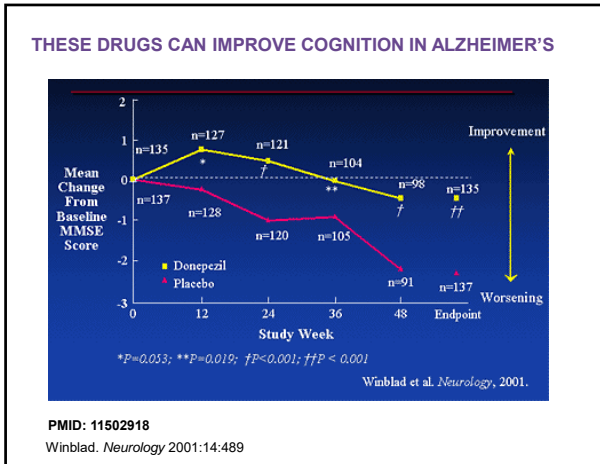


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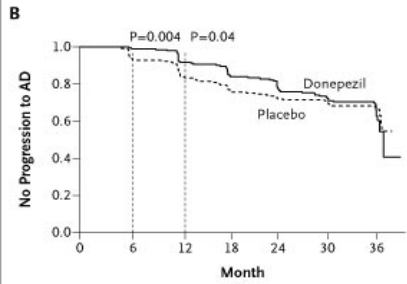
- Up until 2021, there had been no new FDA-approved drugs to treat AD in the past 18 years.
- The drugs that had been approved offer modest *symptomatic* benefit.
- They do not slow or stop the progression of Alzheimer's.





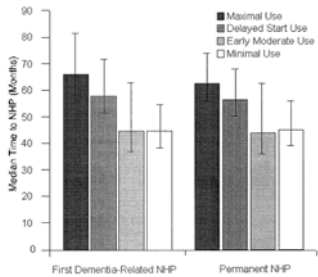
- ### THE BENEFIT OF THESE DRUGS
- The average patient functions a little better.
 - A few patients do significantly better.
 - They delay the conversion to Alzheimer's disease.
 - They help keep the patient out of the nursing home.

DELAYING CONVERSION TO ALZHEIMER'S



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Petersen. *NEJM* 2005;352:2379

DELAYING NURSING HOME PLACEMENT



When donepezil was taken at an effective dose for at least 9 to 12 months, conservative estimates of the time gained before NHP were 21.4 months for first dementia-related NHP and 17.5 months for permanent NHP.

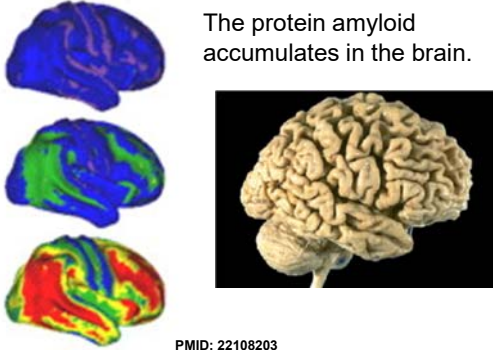
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THE BENEFIT OF THESE DRUGS

Like using a crutch if we have severe leg pain...



The protein amyloid accumulates in the brain.

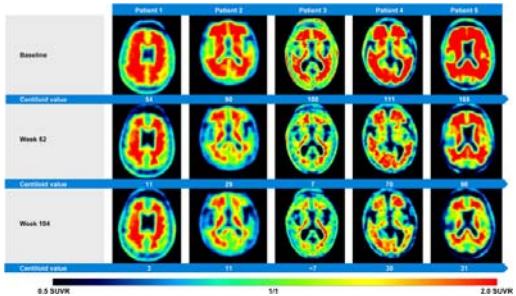


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DISEASE-MODIFYING DRUGS?

- aducanumab (Aduhelm)
- donanemab
- lecanemab
- gantenerumab

Gantenerumab reduces amyloid- β plaques in patients with prodromal to moderate Alzheimer's disease



PMID: 31831056
Klein. *Alz Res Ther* 2019;11:101

BUT DOES REMOVAL OF THE AMYLOID PROTEIN AFFECT THE THINKING ABILITY OF THE PATIENT?

Does removal of the amyloid slow the degeneration of the brain cells?



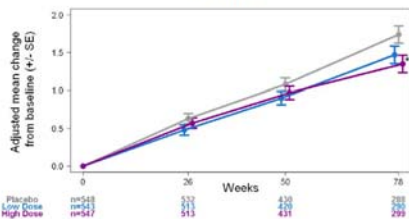
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Study 302: Longitudinal Change from Baseline in CDR-SB



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Evidence of Effectiveness 

- Study 302 provides primary evidence of effectiveness
- Results of Study 103 are appropriately viewed as supportive evidence of the effectiveness of aducanumab
- Study 301 does not contribute to the evidence of effectiveness
 - Analyses allow for independent consideration of Study 302 and do not represent evidence that aducanumab is ineffective

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Clinical Review
Kevin Krudys, PhD
BLA 761178
Aduhelm (aducanumab)

FDA CLINICAL REVIEW

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Priority or Standard	Priority
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Division/Office	Division of Neurology 1/Office of Neuroscience
Reviewer Name(s)	Kevin Krudys, PhD
Review Completion Date	06/06/2021
Established/Proper Name	aducanumab-avwa
(Proposed) Trade Name	Aduhelm
Applicant	Biogen Inc.
Dosage Form(s)	Solution for injection
Applicant Proposed Dosing Regimen(s)	10 mg/kg as an intravenous infusion every four weeks
Applicant Proposed Indication(s)/Population(s)	To delay clinical decline in patients with Alzheimer's disease
Recommendation on Regulatory Action	Approval
Recommended Indication(s)/Population(s)	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease

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- Aduhelm™ (brand name).
- Very controversial: many experts disagree about its benefit and whether it should be prescribed.
- Administered by monthly intravenous infusions.
- Very expensive, \$28,000 per year for the drug itself, not including the cost of the infusions.
- At present Medicare will only cover the cost if the patient is in an approved study.
- Patient must have a test that shows that amyloid is accumulating in the brain, either by a spinal tap or an amyloid PET scan.
- Patient must have relatively mild Alzheimer's or only significant memory impairment.
- 20-43% of patients may experience some degree of brain swelling or microhemorrhages.
- Unknown at this time how long the drug should be administered

DISEASE-MODIFYING DRUGS?

- aducanumab (Aduhelm)
- donanemab
- lecanemab
- gantenerumab



HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MEMORY PILLS LATELY?

ADS I HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS

- Prevagen
- Neuriva
- Focus factor
- Cognimax
- Cognium
- Ceremin
- Neuronol
- Neuro enhancer
- Brain Awake

THERE ARE MANY MORE...

- Procera AVH
- Alpha Brain
- NAD*OVIM
- Brainjuice
- Cebria
- Excelerol
- NooCube
- US Doctor's Clinical Brain Power Advances
- Genius Consciousness
- Healthycell Pro
- Lumonol
- Brain Awake
- Brain Armor
- brainMD (Brain & Memory Power Boost, Neurovite Plus)
- Clarity Brain Health Formula
- Percepta
- Qualia Mind
- Luein
- Etc, etc, etc

INGREDIENTS OF THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

- Apoaquorin
- Huperzine A
- Vitamin B Complex
- L-Tyrosine
- L-Theanine
- Alpha Lipoic Acid
- Guarana
- Ginkgo Biloba
- Brahmi (Bacopa monnieri)
- Bacopa Extract (Bacopa monnieri)
- Rhodiola Rosea
- S-Adenosyl Methionine
- Cat's claw
- CoQ-10
- Omega-3 fatty acids (e.g., DHA and EPA)
- St. John's Wort
- L-Glutamine,
- DMAE Bitartrate
- Green Tea Extract
- Oolong Tea Extract
- Caffeine
- Vitamin B12
- Acetyl-L-Carnitine
- Phosphatidylserine
- Creatine
- Resveratrol
- Coffee Cherry Extract
- Choline
- Etc, Etc, Etc

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What is apoeaquorin?

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Apoaeaquorin is an over-the-counter supplement for healthy brain function and memory improvement.

Based on a clinical study of subgroups of individuals who were cognitively normal or mildly impaired.

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Madison Memory Study

In a double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial, apoaeq. demonstrated the ability to improve aspects of cognitive function in subgroups of participants with either normal cognitive aging or very mild impairment, as determined by pre-trial screening. The group of participants taking apoaeq. improved certain aspects of cognitive function according to computer-based testing. The adults were over 40 years old and took one capsule daily (10 mg) for 90 days.

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Moran. *Adv Mind Body Med* 2016;30:4

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Study details

A total of 218 participants, ages 40 to 91, with self-reported memory concerns were enrolled in the study. Two hundred and eleven (211) participants completed the study.

Adverse Events

The Experimental and Control substances were very well tolerated. Two participants experienced adverse events during the study. Each group had a single adverse event, and there were no serious adverse events (SAEs) in the study.

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AD8 test

AD8 Dementia Screening Interview

Patient ID# _____
 C1 ID# _____
 Date: _____

Remember: "Yes, a change" indicates that there has been a change in the last several years caused by cognitive (thinking and memory) problems.	YES A change	NO No change	NA Don't know
1. Problems with judgment or problems making decisions, bad financial decisions, problems with planning			
2. Lives oriented in familiar situations			
3. Requires the same things over and over (eg. glasses, watch, or statements)			
4. Trouble learning how to use a bank, appliance, or pager (e.g., VCR, computer, microwave, remote control)			
5. Forgets current month or year			
6. Trouble handling complicated financial affairs (e.g., balancing checkbook, income taxes, paying bills)			
7. Trouble remembering appointments			
8. Daily problems with thinking and/or memory			
TOTAL AD8 SCORE			

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Table 1 Cognitive Measurement Tests

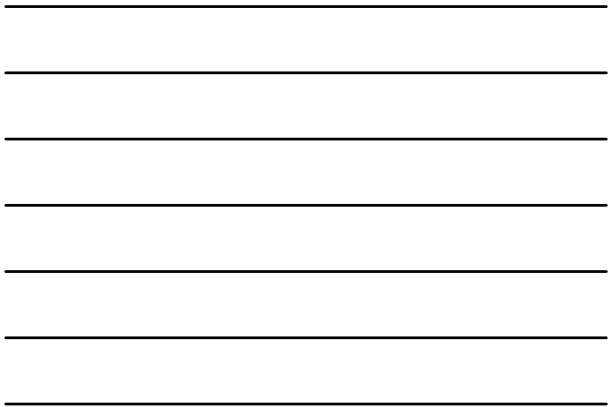
Task	Cognitive Domain Measured
International Shopping List (ISL)	Verbal Learning
International Shopping List - Delayed Recall (ISRL)	Memory
Orison Maze Learning (OML)	Executive Function
Orison Maze Learning - Delayed Recall (OMRL)	Memory
Deflection (DET)	Psychomotor Function
Identification (IDN)	Attention
One Card Learning (OCL)	Visual Learning
One Back (ONB)	Working Memory
Two Back (TWOB)	Working Memory

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Study data

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Study results

Table 3 The Score Differences in the Two Groups Before and After Treatment (AD6 D-1)

Tasks	Placebo		Within p value	Apoaequorin		Within p value	Between Group P value			
	Day 0	Day 90		Day 0	Day 90		Group	Time	Group x Time	Base
ISL	24.62 ± 3.499	25.19 ± 5.183	0.373	24.49 ± 6.162	27.25 ± 5.106	0.002*	0.125	0.040*	0.279	<.0001*
SRL	8.208 ± 2.449	8.904 ± 2.947	0.030*	8.702 ± 2.454	9.277 ± 2.814	0.091	0.704	0.134	0.897	<.0001*
GML	61.83 ± 21.54	51.00 ± 21.54	0.003*	57.64 ± 18.97	44.58 ± 13.69	<.00001*	0.103	<.0001*	0.491	<.0001*
GMR	9.208 ± 4.211	8.809 ± 5.182	0.296	9.324 ± 4.870	6.444 ± 3.891	0.000*	0.011*	0.065	0.076	<.0001*
DET	2.503 ± 0.066	2.557 ± 0.096	0.009*	2.543 ± 0.095	2.530 ± 0.082	0.561	0.015*	0.146	0.021*	<.0001*
IDN	2.733 ± 0.066	2.727 ± 0.039	0.945	2.720 ± 0.069	2.723 ± 0.039	0.854	0.246	0.979	0.460	<.0001*
OCL	1.014 ± 0.103	1.018 ± 0.119	0.836	1.017 ± 0.103	1.049 ± 0.093	0.057	0.010*	0.330	0.193	<.0001*
ONB	1.313 ± 0.145	1.404 ± 0.180	0.019*	1.356 ± 0.156	1.397 ± 0.145	0.214	0.220	0.013*	0.388	<.0001*
TWOB	1.220 ± 0.168	1.321 ± 0.157	0.021	1.244 ± 0.148	1.312 ± 0.134	0.019*	0.747	0.004*	0.474	<.0001*

Notes on Table 3
* Time is the number of visits since the initial Baseline visit and was coded as a categorical variable.

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Study results

Table 4 The Score Differences in the Two Groups Before and After Treatment (AD6 D-2)

Tasks	Placebo		Within p value	Apoaequorin		Within p value	Between Group P value			
	Day 0	Day 90		Day 0	Day 90		Group	Time	Group x Time	Base
ISL	24.45 ± 4.075	25.30 ± 5.474	0.090	25.01 ± 5.454	27.49 ± 4.634	<.00001*	0.254	0.000*	0.039*	<.0001*
SRL	8.275 ± 2.385	9.090 ± 2.998	0.012*	8.723 ± 2.334	9.482 ± 2.400	0.002*	0.465	0.012*	0.703	<.0001*
GML	40.37 ± 21.08	50.02 ± 22.43	0.000*	38.39 ± 23.45	46.46 ± 18.78	<.00001*	0.040*	<.0001*	0.463	<.0001*
GMR	9.400 ± 5.424	8.841 ± 5.938	0.229	8.898 ± 4.470	7.017 ± 4.722	0.001*	0.102	0.092	0.347	<.0001*
DET	2.500 ± 0.081	2.537 ± 0.099	0.045*	2.534 ± 0.104	2.533 ± 0.100	0.675	0.250	0.165	0.345	<.0001*
IDN	2.726 ± 0.068	2.732 ± 0.064	0.367	2.729 ± 0.072	2.725 ± 0.081	0.815	0.039*	0.780	0.108	<.0001*
OCL	1.005 ± 0.113	1.018 ± 0.121	0.292	1.013 ± 0.107	1.041 ± 0.100	0.046*	0.009*	0.437	0.357	<.0001*
ONB	1.298 ± 0.185	1.421 ± 0.156	<.00001*	1.356 ± 0.183	1.397 ± 0.140	0.061	0.944	0.000*	0.223	<.0001*
TWOB	1.223 ± 0.184	1.317 ± 0.175	0.002*	1.251 ± 0.114	1.302 ± 0.127	0.028*	0.934	0.000*	0.290	<.0001*

Notes on Table 4
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CONCLUSION

apoequorin demonstrated the ability to improve aspects of cognitive function in older participants with either normal cognitive aging or very mild impairment, as determined by AD8 screening.

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HMMMM....

This looks half-way decent!

LEGAL ACTIONS – In the 2019 FDA letter, the agency warned the manufacturer of **apoequorin** about making false therapeutic claims. In November 2020, a nationwide class-action settlement required the company to refund consumers who had purchased the product and change misleading marketing claims. A lawsuit has been filed against Quincy Bioscience by the Federal Trade Commission and the New York State Attorney General that alleges the company made false claims that their product improves memory and brain functioning.

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FDA-APPROVED DRUGS AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS.

- In order for a drug to be approved by the FDA, it must be proven to be safe and effective.
 - data on the drug's effects have been reviewed by the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and the drug is determined to provide benefits that outweigh its known and potential risks for the intended population.
- Unlike new drugs, dietary supplements are not reviewed and approved by the FDA based on their safety and effectiveness.
- When public health concerns arise about a dietary supplement after the product is on the market, the FDA evaluates the product's safety through research and adverse event monitoring.
- Promotional information about the supplement must include the phrase, "These statements have not been evaluated by the FDA and are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease or health condition."

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/it-really-fda-approved>

What is apoaequorin?

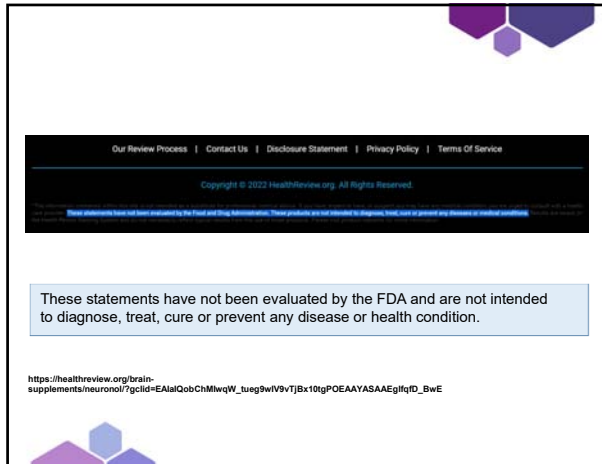
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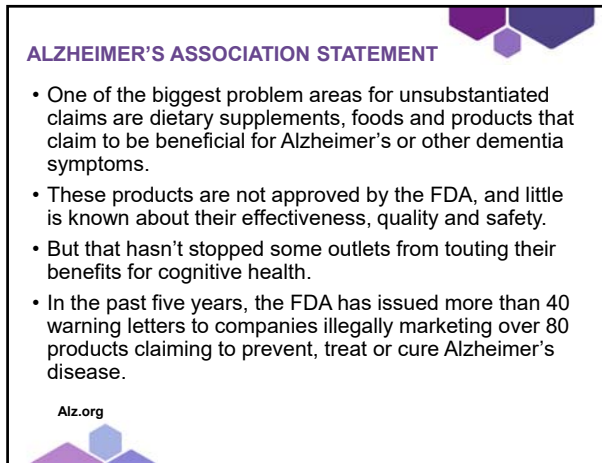
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DON'T FALL FOR FALSE HEALTH CLAIMS
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A SCIENTIST TO THINK
LIKE ONE — USE THESE TIPS TO NAVIGATE THE
CONFUSING WORLD OF RESEARCH

- Be savvy
 - review research news with a critical eye.
- Supplement your awareness
 - Talk to your doctor.
 - Look for FDA-approved treatments.
- Be your own advocate
 - "The most important thing you can do is to demand evidence rigorously backed in science"
- Think like a scientist
 - Is there sufficient evidence?
 - Who conducted the research?
 - How was the research conducted?
 - Does it sound too good to be true?
 - Where was the research announced?

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BOTTOM LINE...


- Not recommended.
- But use your judgment; it's up to you.
 - Can you afford it?
 - Is it OK with your primary MD?
 - No side effects?

Cognitive Impacts of COVID-19


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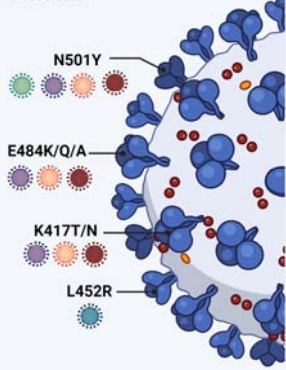
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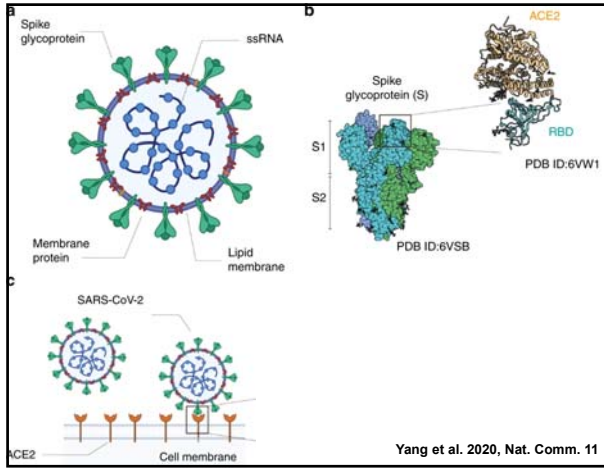
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- Understand the resulting biological and anatomical CNS changes associated with neuroinfection.
- Recognize that mental impairments persist months after infection recovery and may accelerate cognitive decline.

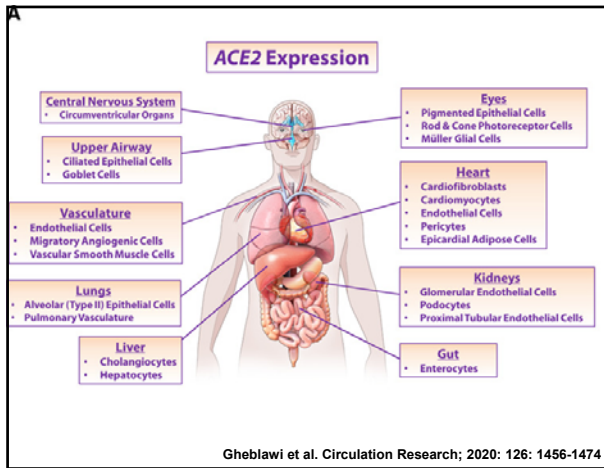
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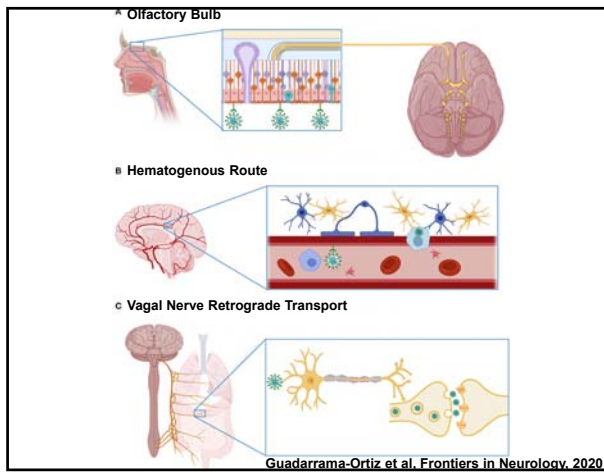
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Detected in Brazil in November 2020
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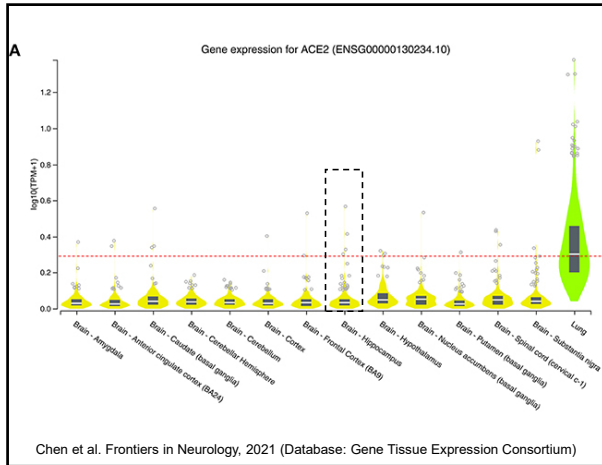


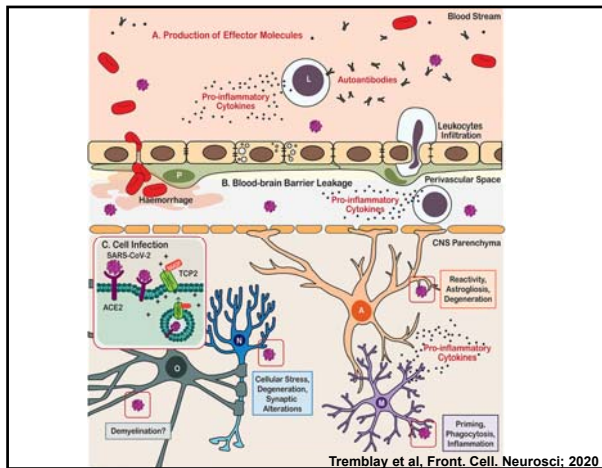
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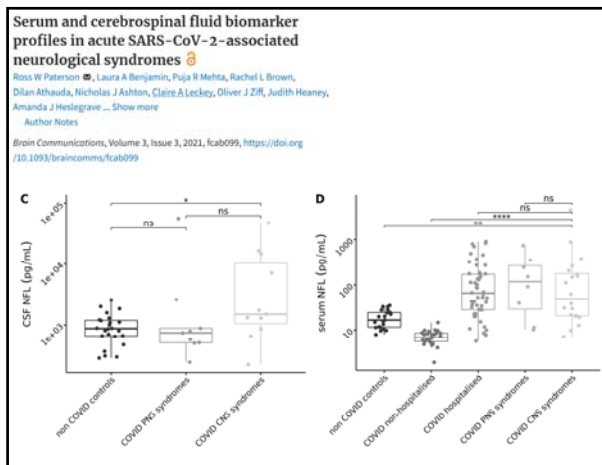


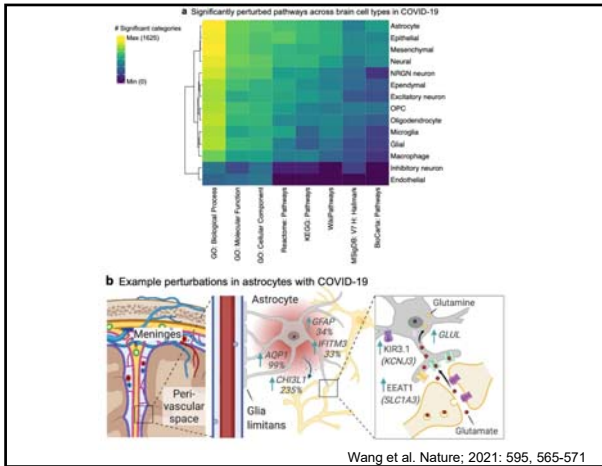
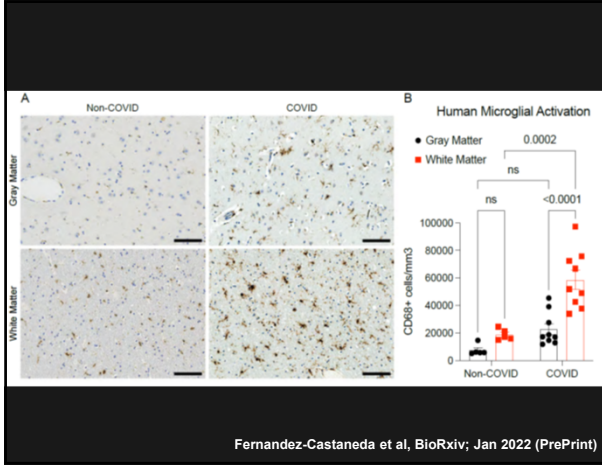






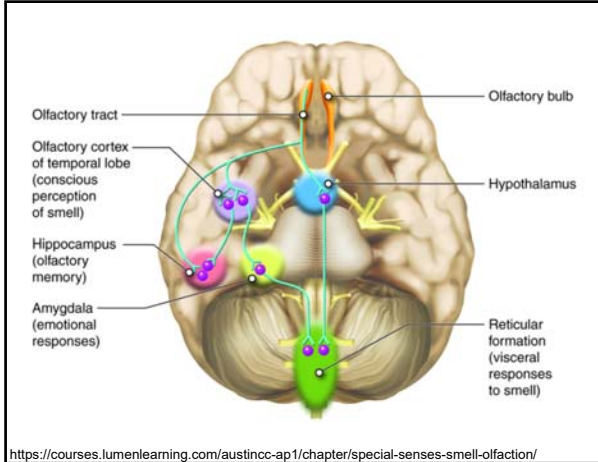






Neurological symptom	Affected region (reference)	Percentage (reference)
Acute cerebrovascular disease	Cerebral vessels ^{15,62}	2.8% ³⁴
Meningitis/encephalitis	CSF ^{23,34}	Case report ²⁶²
Acute hemorrhagic necrotizing encephalopathy	Temporal lobe ⁸⁸	Case report ^{108,109}
Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome	Cortex ^{21,226,231}	Case report ^{11,226,231}
Demyelinating lesion	Spinal cord ²³²	Case report ²³²
Seizure	Left temporoparietal lobe ^{233,234,235}	0.5% ³⁴
Ischemic stroke	Cortex ²⁴	2.8% ³⁴
Dizziness	Whole brain ²²⁶	9.4% ²²⁷ , 16.8% ³⁴
Headache	Whole brain ^{14,230,233}	3.4% ²⁰² , 6.5% ²⁰² , 13.1% ³⁴
Ataxia	Whole brain ¹⁴	0.5% ³⁴
Impaired consciousness	Whole brain ¹⁴	7.5% ³⁴
Brain edema	Brainstem ²⁰³	Case report ²⁰¹
Anosmia	Olfactory neurons ¹⁵⁸	5.1% ³⁴
Ageusia	Tongue nerves ^{106,107,302,303}	5.6% ³⁴
Dysopia	Optic nerves ¹⁴	1.4% ³⁴
Guillain-Barré syndrome	Peripheral nerve demyelination ^{104,105,308,307,309,309,310}	Case report ^{130,111}
Miller Fisher syndrome	Whole brain ^{112,113}	Case report ^{112,113}
Myalgia-muscle pain	Neuromuscular junction ^{143,113}	Case report ^{114,113}
rhabdomyolysis	Muscle ¹¹⁸	Case report ¹¹⁸

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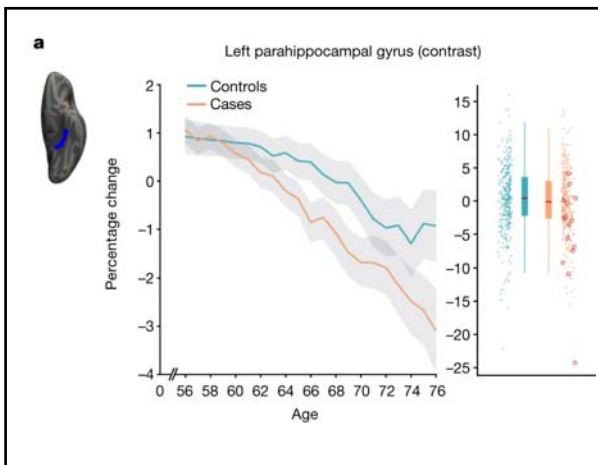
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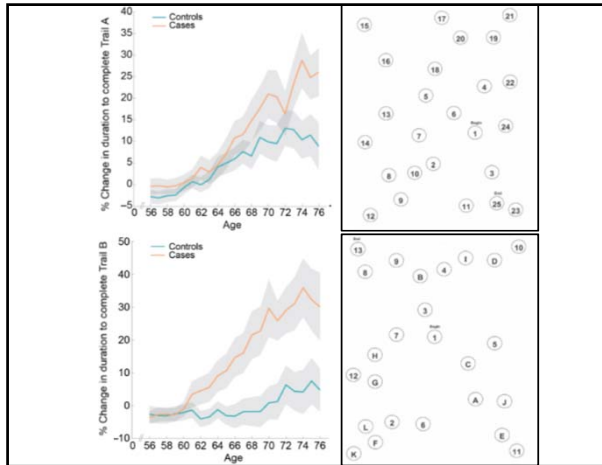
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	SARS-CoV-2	Control	<i>P</i> _{mean}
Number of participants	401	384	—
Age at scan 1 (mean ± s.d. (range))	58.9 ± 7.0 (46.9–80.2)	60.2 ± 7.4 (47.1–79.8)	0.15
Age at scan 2 (mean ± s.d. (range))	62.1 ± 6.7 (51.3–81.4)	63.3 ± 7.1 (51.3–81.3)	0.08
Sex (male/female)	172 (42.9%)/229 (57.1%)	164 (42.7%)/220 (57.3%)	0.96
Ethnicity (white/non-white*)	388 (96.8%)/13 (3.2%)	373 (97.1%)/11 (2.9%)	0.76
Years between scans 1 and 2 (mean ± s.d. (range))	3.2 ± 1.6 (1.0–7.0)	3.2 ± 1.6 (1.0–6.9)	0.98
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	130.3 ± 17.3	132.1 ± 17.6	0.16
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	78.7 ± 10.6	79.0 ± 10.2	0.63
Diagnosed diabetes	18 (4.5%)	16 (4.2%)	0.82
Weight (kg)	76.4 ± 15.8	75.2 ± 14.4	0.65
Waist/hip ratio	0.87 ± 0.09	0.86 ± 0.09	0.37
BMI (kg m ⁻²)	26.7 ± 4.4	26.6 ± 4.3	0.61
Alcohol-intake frequency (x.u.)	3.1 ± 1.3	3.0 ± 1.4	1.00
Tobacco smoking	0.61 ± 0.92	0.65 ± 0.89	0.87
Townsend deprivation index	-1.5 ± 2.9	-1.6 ± 2.9	0.65

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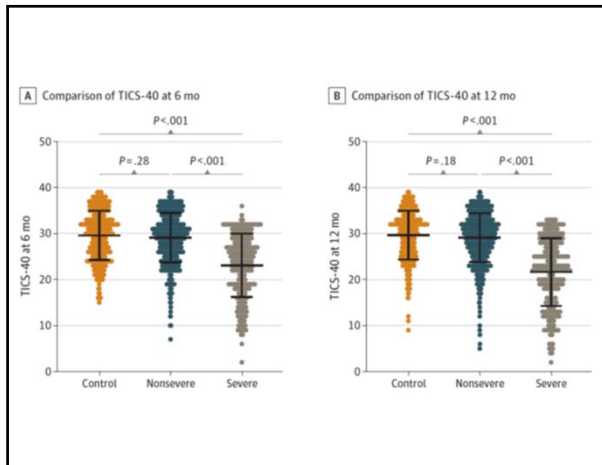
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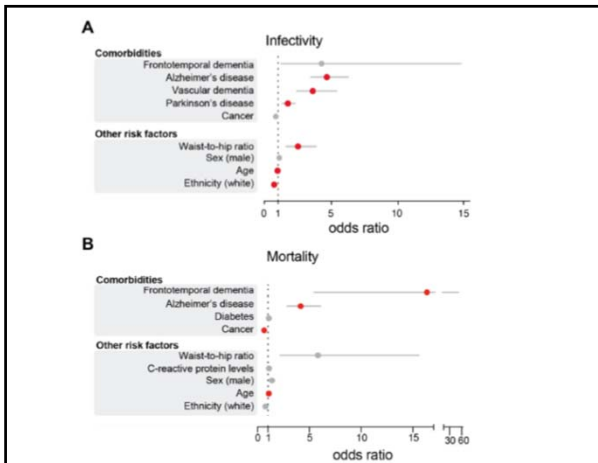
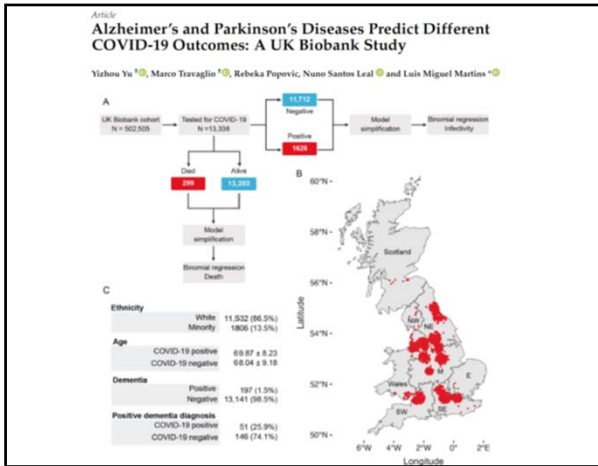
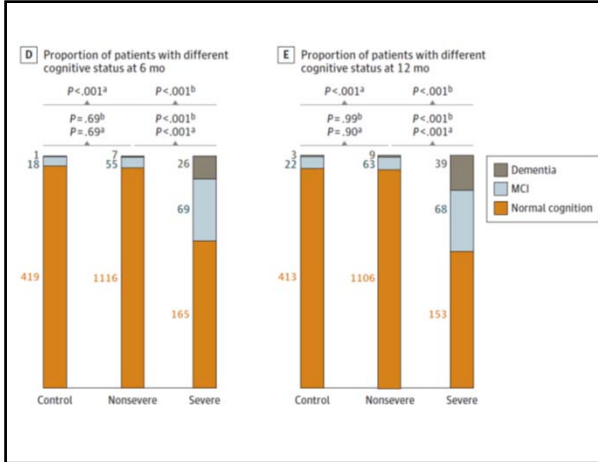
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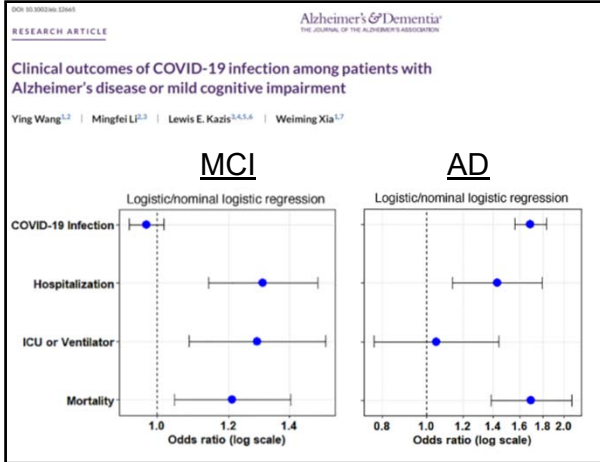
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Table 1. Demographic and Baseline Information of Participants

Variable	Total group (n = 1438)	Severe cases (n = 260)	Nonsevere cases (n = 1178)	Uninfected control individuals (n = 438)	P value survivors vs control individuals	P value severe vs nonsevere cases
Age, median (IQR), y	69 (66-74)	71 (67-79)	68 (66-73)	67 (66-74)	.30*	<.001*
Female, No. (%)	747 (51.95)	127 (48.85)	621 (52.72)	216 (49.32)	.35*	.27*
Male, No. (%)	691 (48.05)	133 (51.15)	557 (47.28)	222 (50.68)	.35*	.27*
Education, median (IQR), y	12 (9-12)	12 (6-12)	12 (9-12)	12 (9-12)	>.99*	.05*
BMI, median (IQR)	23.99 (22.54-25.38)	24.38 (22.90-25.64)	23.93 (22.44-25.33)	24.19 (22.51-25.69)	>.99*	.009*
Comorbidities, No. (%)						
Hypertension	561 (39.01)	133 (51.15)	426 (36.16)	151 (34.47)	.09*	<.001*
Diabetes	274 (19.05)	65 (25.00)	208 (17.66)	81 (18.49)	.84*	.01*
Hyperlipidemia	142 (9.87)	31 (11.92)	111 (9.42)	39 (8.90)	.58*	.25*
Stroke history	79 (5.49)	42 (16.15)	37 (3.14)	30 (6.85)	.29*	<.001*
Coronary heart disease	193 (13.42)	71 (27.31)	121 (10.27)	61 (13.93)	.81*	<.001*
COVID	142 (9.87)	43 (16.38)	99 (8.40)	41 (9.36)	.78*	<.001*
ICU admission, No. (%)	72 (5.01)	72 (27.69)	0	NA	NA	<.001*








SARS-CoV-2 infection causes

- macroscopic, microscopic, and transcriptomic changes to CNS tissue.
- cognitive impairments that scale to disease severity
- worse outcome in MCI and AD patients.



Emotional effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic
on
Persons with Memory Loss
and their Caregivers


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Learning
Objectives

- Identify COVID-19 factors which have contributed to emotional effects on persons with memory loss and their caregivers.
- State COVID-19 related emotional effects experienced by persons with memory loss and their caregivers.
- Identify interventions that are supported by the literature.



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It started when...

- She got sick with COVID.
- We couldn't go anywhere.
- We couldn't see anyone.
- His brother died of COVID.
- We couldn't have a funeral.

“I was the first one. They thought I had the virus and put me in a room by myself. I couldn’t visit with anyone. It was the worst two weeks of my life. Then they found out the test was wrong. I was negative.”...patient in nursing home.

“I’ve lost 19 of my friends over the past year to COVID.”...patient in nursing home.

“We’ve really lost a year from our lives, and we don’t know how many more years we have!”...wife/caregiver of patient living in a private residence.


“I am taking my mom for a drive after this appointment. When she goes back, she has to stay in her room for two weeks.”...daughter/caregiver of patient living at Assisted Living facility.

“I can't hear you with my mask on!”...patient living in private residence.

“I am afraid. They are so short- staffed and my husband can't get his medicine on time. I don't know what to do. Please help me.”...wife/caregiver living in an Assisted Living facility.

The mental health of caregivers and their patients with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic: A systematic review

Carbone et al., 2021




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Results

- Studies completed in ten countries during 2020 COVID-19 lockdowns.
- 17 studies included in the systematic review
 - Social isolation triggered behavioral symptoms in persons with memory loss and higher levels of anxiety and depression in caregivers.
 - Disruptions in healthcare delivery and changes in social support availability was associated with higher levels of anxiety in persons with dementia and worsening of caregivers' mental health.

Carbone et al., 2021



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The psychological impact of COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown on caregivers of people with dementia

Altieri & Santangelo, 2021




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Results

- Online survey of 84 caregivers of persons with dementia during the COVID-19 lockdown in Italy from April 21 – May 3, 2020.
- 79.8% of the persons with dementia were not aware of the COVID-19 situation.
- A rise in depressive symptoms in caregivers was associated with restriction and isolation of the lock-down.


Altieri & Santangelo, 2021



Results


- Caregivers who had *higher* levels of resilience experienced *higher* levels of anxiety.
- Caregivers with low levels of resilience paired with greater functional dependence by the person with dementia, led to higher levels of overall caregiver burden.

Altieri & Santangelo, 2021



Impact of COVID-19 restrictions on behavioural and psychological symptoms in home-dwelling people with dementia: A prospective cohort study


Gedde et al., 2022



Results

- Participants included 104 dyads, living at home in Norway with assessment completed immediately before and 6-9 weeks after initiation of COVID-19 restrictions.
- Neuropsychiatric Inventory (NPI-12) scores got worse for 55% of the participants.
- There were higher scores to support psychosis subsyndrome and depression.

Gedde et al., 2022




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Results

- Authors associated the increase in psychosis subsyndrome with insight into the COVID-19 pandemic and less contact with caregiver.
- Overall worsening of the NPI-12 was associated with reduced or delayed visits to the health care provider and due to greater impairment of cognition (as demonstrated on Mini Mental State Exam scores).


Gedde et al., 2022



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Impact of COVID-19 on the health and well-being of informal caregivers of people with dementia: A rapid systematic review

Hughes et al., 2021




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Results

- 10 studies included in the systematic review all of which used telephone or online data collection methods. Participant numbers ranged from 31 to 4,913.
- Caregivers experienced an increase in anxiety that was associated to COVID-19 changes in life routines vs. level of cognitive impairment of their care receiver.
- Caregiver burden, however, was associated with advanced stages of dementia.

Hughes et al., 2021



Results


- 4,913 caregivers reported an increase in anxiety, depression, irritability and distress related to the quarantines associated with the pandemic.
- Loss of control, the "new normal", and uncertainty were expressed by additional caregivers.

Hughes et al., 2021



Minimal impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health and wellbeing of people living with dementia: Analysis of matched longitudinal data from the IDEAL study


Sabatini et al., 2022



Results

- 2 groups (Pandemic group, n=115, tested before and during the pandemic AND Pre-Pandemic group, n=230, assessed before the pandemic) were assessed for mood, sense of self, wellbeing, optimism, quality of life and life satisfaction.
- No significant difference between the groups in terms of sense of self, quality of life, and wellbeing.

Sabatini et al., 2022



Results

- Depression/anxiety reduced in the *pandemic* group comparing before-pandemic numbers to during-pandemic numbers.
- Pandemic group had a decrease of satisfaction of life from 91.3% to 85.8%. Pre-pandemic group expressed a slight improvement.

Sabatini et al., 2022



Neuropsychiatric symptoms in elderly with dementia during COVID-19 pandemic: definition, treatment, and future directions


Simonetti et al., 2020



Results

- 20 studies completed between March – June 2020.
- Isolation/restricted family contact led to depression, hopelessness, and increased suicidal ideations in persons with dementia.
- Social isolation in nursing homes led to increase in apathy which increased over time.

Simonetti et al., 2020



Results

- Restricted social interaction increased anxiety.
- Increase in fear and agitation were associated with confinement.
- No increase in hallucination/delusions but noted increase in paranoia related to switch from in-person contact to virtual contact.


Simonetti et al., 2020



Recommendations


- Simplify daily routines; maintain consistency.
- Utilize technology for increased social interaction.
- Utilize Telehealth services, phone or audio/visual.
- Be cautious related to prescribing increased antipsychotics if unable to see the patient routinely.

Simonetti et al., 2020



A systematic review of home-setting psychoeducation interventions for behavioral changes in dementia: Some lessons for the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic assistance

Alves et al., 2020




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Results

- 43 studies included in this systematic review.
- Rural caregivers are more likely to experience burden due to lack of care accessibility. Thus, home-based interventions determining and addressing their needs is recommended.
- Home-based interventions providing cognitive and physical exercise are recommended.

Alves et al., 2020




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Results

- Home-based programs which assist caregivers in adapting to their roles and provide individual and family counseling, encourage support group participation, and offer ad hoc phone counseling supports caregivers and reduces long-term placement. (NYU Caregiver Intervention)
- Telephone-based support with trained staff can reduce caregiver burden and is associated with fewer hospital stays for persons with dementia. (FITT-C)

Alves et al., 2020



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“You don’t understand. I have friends that are dying. The other ones have moved in with their kids. I have no one and no where to go.”... patient living at Assisted Living facility.

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Current Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Research at SIU Medicine

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WHAT IS A CLINICAL TRIAL?

- A clinical trial is a research study that tests a medicine or therapy in people.
- Clinical trials can also be called clinical studies or clinical research.
- Clinical research helps us answer questions about the medicine being studied, like does the medicine work and is it safe.
- The medicines inside your medicine cabinet have one big thing in common; before reaching you, they went through years of research studies to ensure that they were safe for you to take.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

People participate for different reasons. Some common reasons for study volunteers to join a clinical trial include:

- to advance science and treatments
- to help others with the same condition or disease as them
- to potentially obtain better treatment



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

- Everyone conducting a clinical trial has strict regulatory and ethical duties.
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Central IRB, operate independently from the day-to-day conduct of research.
- The purpose of IRB is to assure, both in advance and by periodic review, that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of humans participating as subjects in research.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

- Clinical trials are experiments, so the exact risks and benefits can be difficult to predict.
- Researchers only move forward with clinical trials when they are optimistic about the potential benefits and believe any risks for participants are acceptable.
- The risks and benefits are different for everyone.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

- For each trial, this set of criteria is needed to prove whether a medicine works or not in a specific patient population.
- Trial criteria are based on things like age, gender, the type and stage of a disease, previous treatment history, and other medical conditions.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

- For most clinical trials, the study medicine is provided and visits are conducted at no cost to the participant.
- Some clinical trials pay or reimburse participants.
- Payment for participation is not meant to entice subjects to participate.



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

- Participants can withdraw from a clinical trial at any time, for any reason.
- No matter the stage of the trial, participants have the right to change their mind.
- If a study volunteer decides to leave the study, the Principal Investigator will remove them from the trial in a safe manner.

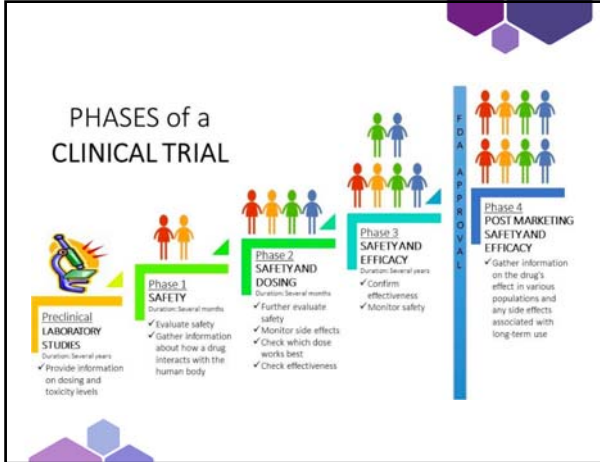


CURRENTLY ENROLLING – LIFT-AD

- Athira Pharma, Inc., Bothell, WA
- ATH-1017-AD-0201



- A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind Study of ATH-1017 Treatment in Subjects with Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Disease
- Phase 2
- 55 Centers in USA (might open in Australia)
- 300 participants (we currently have four enrolled) – currently at 75% of target



CURRENTLY ENROLLING – LIFT AD

The main purpose of this study is to investigate the effectiveness of ATH-1017 at different doses compared to a placebo, for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and to determine the safety and tolerability (whether side effects of a medicine can be handled by study subjects) of ATH-1017 compared to a placebo, when administered once a day for up to 26 weeks.

CURRENTLY ENROLLING – LIFT AD

This is a Phase 2, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, dose-ranging study comparing ATH-1017 40 mg/day and ATH-1017 70 mg/day with placebo in subjects with a clinical diagnosis of mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease (AD), diagnosed on a 'probable' level according to McKhann, 2011.

**CURRENTLY ENROLLING –
LIFT AD**

- Subjects and their trial partners will be required to sign an informed consent document and will be evaluated against the inclusion/exclusion criteria during a screening period.
- Those who meet all inclusion/exclusion criteria will be randomized in a ratio of 1:1:1 to three parallel arms, either to active treatment (ATH-1017 40 mg/day or ATH-1017 70 mg/day) or placebo.



**CURRENTLY ENROLLING –
LIFT AD**

- During the study, patients will undergo cognitive assessments, collection of laboratory samples, ECG monitoring, and brain MRIs.
- The Screening Period (to confirm that you are suitable for the study) can last up to 28 days.
- The Treatment Period (where you will receive your assigned study medication) will last up to 26 weeks (approximately 6 months).
- The Post-treatment Follow-up Period (to check your overall health) may last up to 4 weeks or you may choose to go into the OPEN-LABEL EXTENSION period (more on that later).



**CURRENTLY ENROLLING –
LIFT AD**

- Study drugs will be administered by subcutaneous injection once-daily preferably during the daytime.
- The study partner will need to document all injections in a dosing diary.
- Subjects may experience risks and/or possible side effects while in the study. Everyone taking part in the study will be watched carefully for any side effects. However, doctors do not know all the side effects that may happen.



**CURRENTLY ENROLLING –
LIFT AD**

- There is no cost to the subject to participate – all study related visits, tests, etc. are covered by Athira.
- Subjects do receive \$78 for each visit that is completed. This is distributed via a check mailed to their home. Bad news, this is income according to the IRS.
- Sara Boarman, BS, in the Leader Coordinator for this study – you can reach her at sboarman93@siumed.edu or 217.545.6829.



**CURRENTLY ENROLLING –
LIFT AD**

- Open-Label Extension (OLE) – only subjects who complete the 26 week blinded portion of study may *roll-over* in the OLE.
- The OLE is not blinded – Open-Label means everyone gets the real drug – no more possibility of placebo.
- This is also 26 weeks – it is run very similar to the blinded period.
- You do not have to enroll in the OLE – it is optional.



**CURRENTLY ENROLLING –
NEW IDEAS**

- American College of Radiology
- New IDEAS: Imaging Dementia—Evidence for Amyloid Scanning Study
- A Study to Improve Precision in Amyloid PET Coverage and Patient Care
- Mild Cognitive Impairment or Dementia
- 7,000 persons may be enrolled – United States
- Will having the results of an amyloid PET scan change your doctors treatment plan?
- Radioactive tracer injected via IV – wait 45 minutes, then PET scan of brain completed.
- **Currently only enrolling minorities of color** – this is expected to change in September 2022.
- Must be a Medicare recipient – Medicare is paying for scan.
- \$75 check comes to subject's home directly from ACR.
- NOT A TREATMENT STUDY.
- Contact Stephanie Kohlrus, BA, CCRP, at 217.545.3013 or skohlrus@siumed.edu for more information.



CURRENTLY ENROLLING – CAREGIVER STUDY

- Caregiver Characteristics that may be associated with the optimal care of patients with Alzheimer's disease.
- Investigating various characteristics and features that may predict changes in caregiving over the course of three years. Couples will have a one-time visit at the clinic. During the one-time visit, the couple will be administered questionnaires, assessments, and physical measurements. After this visit, the caregiver will have a phone-call interview every two months, spanning three years. The caregiver will also complete two mail-in questionnaires every six months and a telephone depression screening.
- We hope to enroll 217 couples.
- Tom Ala, MD, is principal investigator.
- Each enrolled couple that completes the one-time visit and mail-in questionnaires will be paid \$150. An additional payment of \$100 will be given each succeeding 12 months for the phone-call interviews and for completing and returning the two questionnaires. A total payment of \$450 will be paid to couples who complete the full three years. Payment will be given as a check mailed to your home address.
- Contact Stephanie Kohirus, BA, CCRP, at 217.545.3013 or skohirus@siu.edu for more information.



ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING TRAILBLAZER-2

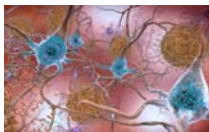
Lilly I5T-MC-AACI

- Assessment of safety, tolerability, and efficacy of donanemab in early symptomatic Alzheimer's disease.
- Phase 3
- Infusion every four weeks at SCI
- 1800 subjects world-wide
- Six subjects enrolled locally
- 78 weeks blinded
- 78 week OLE – all subjects are in OLE



ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING TRAILBLAZER-2

During the study, patients will undergo cognitive assessments, collection of laboratory samples, ECG monitoring, brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET) scans, and you will receive either the study drug or placebo by intravenous (IV) infusion once every 4 weeks. An IV infusion is when the drug or placebo is given through a needle into your vein.



**ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING
TRAILBLAZER-2**

- 24 Jun 2021 - Lilly's donanemab receives U.S. FDA's Breakthrough Therapy designation for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.
- The Breakthrough Therapy designation aims to expedite the development and review of drugs that are intended to treat a serious condition when preliminary clinical evidence indicates that the drug may demonstrate substantial improvement on a clinically significant endpoint(s) over already available therapies that have received full FDA approval.



**ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING
POST GRAD**

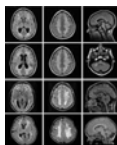
Hoffman-LaRoche WN42171

- An open-label, multicenter, rollover study to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of long-term gantenerumab administration in participants with Alzheimer's disease.
- Phase 3
- Injection every two weeks – in clinic.
- 2032 people enrolled world-wide.
- Four subjects enrolled locally (one still in GRADUATE).
- 18 month study



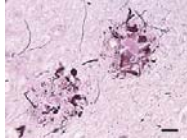
**ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING
POST GRAD**

- Includes biosample repository plus tau and amyloid PET scan substudies.
- During the duration of the study, participants will undergo cognitive assessments, collection of laboratory samples, optional cerebral spinal fluid sampling, ECG monitoring, amyloid and tau PET assessments, and brain MRIs.



**ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING
POST GRAD**

- In **October 2021**, the FDA designated subcutaneous gantenerumab a Breakthrough Therapy, offering an accelerated review and approval process.
- The decision is based on promising results from the ongoing open-label extension trials, showing a significant reduction in brain amyloid plaque in Alzheimer's patients.



**ONGOING – NOT ENROLLING
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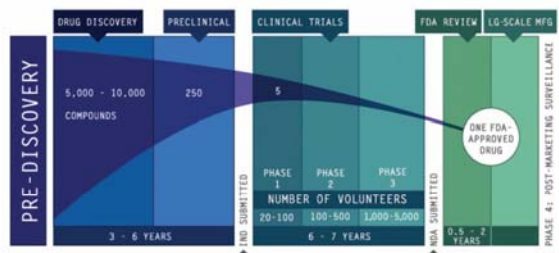
Genentech GN40040



- A Phase II, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, efficacy, and safety study of MTAU9937A in patients with moderate Alzheimer's disease.
- 260 subjects – 50 study centers
- One subject enrolled locally – currently in the OLE portion of the study
- 3.5 year study
- Infusion administered every four weeks – at SMH (aka MMC)
- If it works, MTAU9937A may slow down how fast the disease progresses.

Pathway to Your Medicine Cabinet

Drug Discovery and Development: A LONG, RISKY ROAD



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Normal Cognitive Aging in the SIU Longitudinal Cognitive Aging Study

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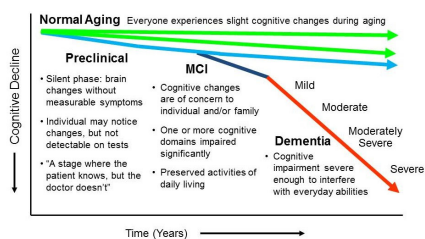
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Provide information about the neurobiological and neurocognitive effects of normal cognitive aging.
- Provide a description of the demographic characteristics and study methods of the SIU Longitudinal Cognitive Aging Study.
- Provide information about the importance of neuropsychological testing for the diagnosis of neurocognitive disorders versus normal cognitive aging.

A Continuum of Normal Aging to Dementia



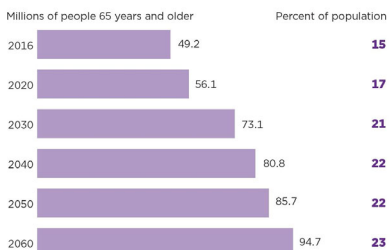
DEMOGRAPHICS OF AGING IN THE UNITED STATES

- In 2016, there were approximately 49.2 million people age 65 or greater.
- By 2060, that number is expected to double to 94.7 million.
- This increase, largely reflects the aging baby boomer population along with improvements in health care.
 - Those individuals born between 1946 and 1964.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AGING IN THE UNITED STATES

Projections of the Older Adult Population: 2020 to 2060

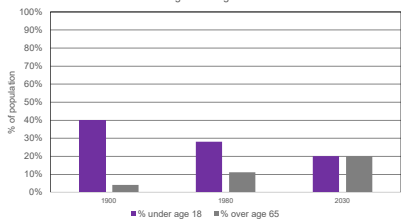
By 2060, nearly one in four Americans is projected to be an older adult.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 National Population Projections.

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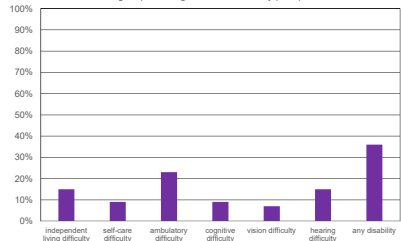
Age Rectangle



By 2030, there will be an equal percentage of the population under the age of 18 and over the age of 65.

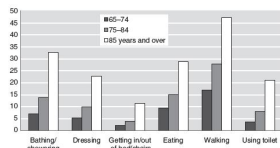
DISABILITY IN OLDER ADULTS

Percentage of persons age 65+ with a disability (2013)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2014). Older Americans with a disability: 2008-2012. U.S. Department of Commerce.

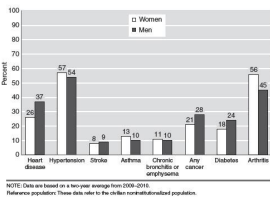
Percentage of persons with limitations in ADL by age group: 2009.



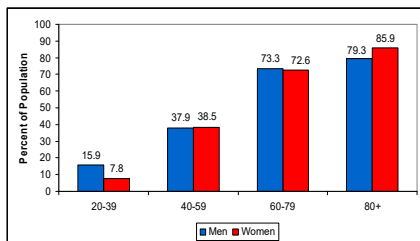
Source: Administration on Aging (AoA). (2011). *A profile of older Americans: 2011*. Retrieved from www.aoa.gov/aoproof/aging_statistics/Profile/index.aspx

PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE AGE 65 AND OVER WHO REPORTED HAVING SELECTED CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS, BY GENDER, 2009–2010.

Many of these are risk factors for dementia and are modifiable!

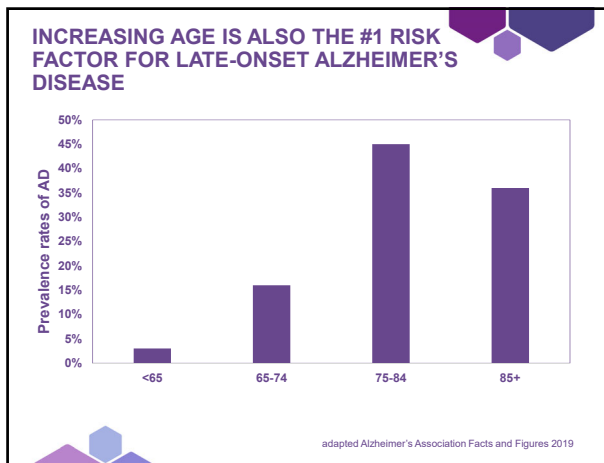


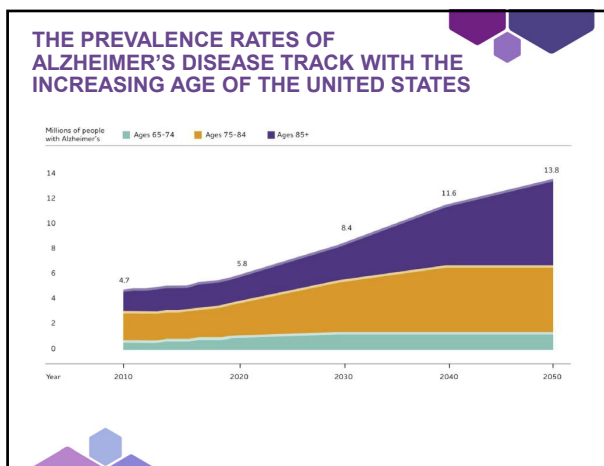
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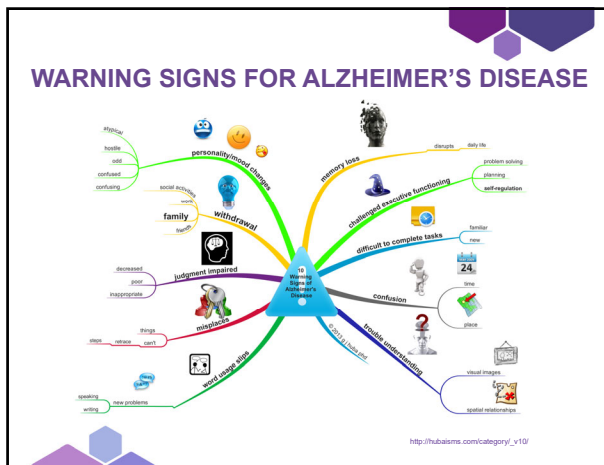
Prevalence of CVD in adults age 20 and older by age and sex (NHANES: 2005-2006). Source: NCHS and NHLBI.

These data include coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, and hypertension.





- Declines over time in memory and other cognitive abilities, which are greater than expected for one's age are one of the first obvious symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.
- It is important to understand what normal cognitive aging looks like to be able to better understand what abnormal cognitive aging looks like.



SO "NORMAL" AGING IS ASSOCIATED WITH GREATER DISABILITY, MORE MEDICAL PROBLEMS, AND INCREASED RISK FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

- What does normal cognitive aging look like?
- What happens to brain structure and function in normal aging?

MANY DEFINITIONS OF WHAT IS NORMAL

• Typical	• Lacking abnormalities
• Standard	• Not abnormal
• Average	• Occurring naturally, not because of disease
• Not deviating from a norm	• Free from mental disorder
• Natural	• Balanced, well-integrated functioning
• In accordance with scientific laws	

WHAT DOES NORMAL COGNITIVE AGING LOOK LIKE?

Vulnerable Processes

- Fluid IQ
- Reaction time
- Psychomotor speed
- Working memory
- Executive function
- Episodic learning/memory
- Complex visual processing

(Relatively) Preserved Processes

- Crystallized IQ
- Word reading
- Simple attention span
- Vocabulary
- Priming
- Semantic memory
- Procedural memory
- Long-term autobiographical memory.

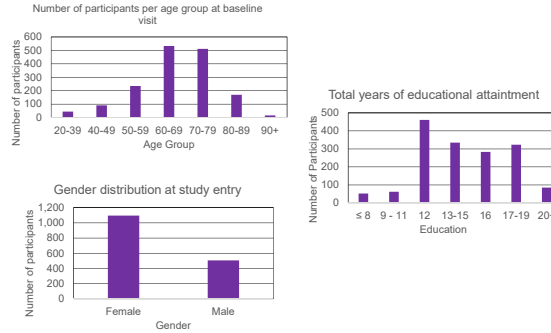
THE SIU LONGITUDINAL COGNITIVE AGING STUDY (LCAS)

- LCAS is a community-based, longitudinal cohort study of the incidence of neurocognitive disorders such as AD in predominantly older adults who reside in Springfield and the surrounding communities.
- The study was started by Dr. Ronald Zec, PhD in 1984 with a focus on improving the sensitivity of neuropsychological testing to the diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment and dementia.
- The study was closed in 2016 and reopened in 2018.
- Over 1,600 (mostly older) adults (age range: 18-90+). Participants complete:
 - Serial cognitive testing (2.5 hours), every effort is made to see participants on a yearly basis.
 - 95% of participants in the cohort are white/Not-Hispanic and over 70% are female.
- Currently following over 150 participants, some of whom have been in the study for over 30 years!
- Over 100 sisters from Saint Francis, Sacred Heart, and Ursuline convents in the Springfield area have participated in the study.
- Participants are recruited from the community via newspaper advertisement, word-of-mouth, and community presentations.
- Sample is enriched for persons with a family history of AD (children, siblings, other relatives).
- 960 participants have passed away.

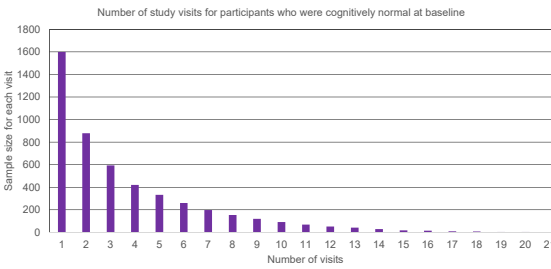
SIU LCAS INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Individuals must be free of neurological, uncontrolled medical or psychiatric disease at their first visit.
- Preferably, 65+ years of age.
- Approximately 15% of participants met the diagnostic criteria for MCI or AD at baseline or developed these conditions on subsequent visits.
- Particularly interested in individuals with a family history of AD, minority groups, and individuals who reside in rural communities.

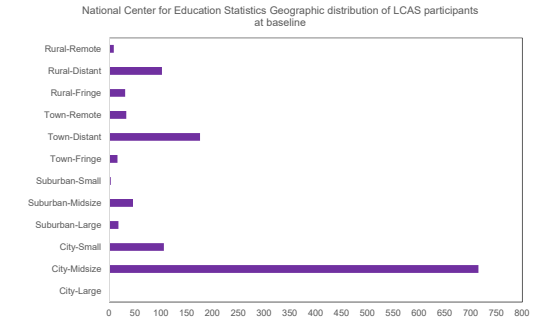
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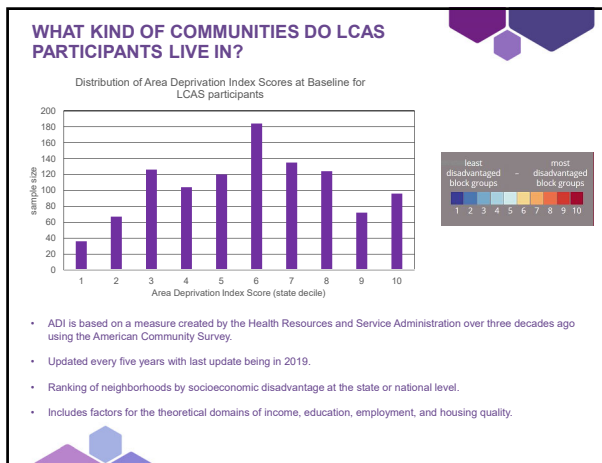


NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WITH ONE OR MORE STUDY VISITS



WHERE ARE LCAS PARTICIPANTS FROM?





- ### CURRENT NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TEST BATTERY ASSESSES:
- Orientation and Mental Status
 - Learning and Memory
 - Language
 - Visuospatial skills
 - Processing Speed and Executive Function

- ### CURRENT QUESTIONNAIRES
- Assess personality, subjective cognitive activities and complaints, mood, and anxiety.
 - Assess lifestyle factors:
 - Independent living skills
 - Social activity
 - Diet
 - Physical Activity
 - Detailed medical history inventory:
 - Information regarding personal medical and psychosocial histories,
 - family medical and psychosocial histories
 - Current medications.

OPTIONAL BRAIN DONATION PROGRAM

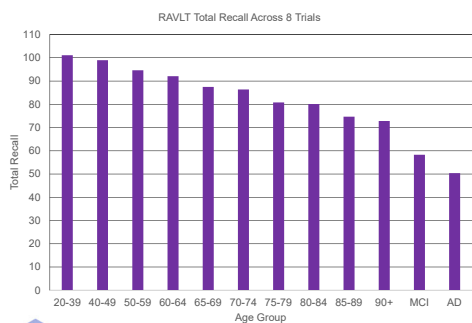
- 26 participants have died, donated their brain, and had an autopsy.
 - 17 were diagnosed with AD.
- 38 controls signed the intent to donate form and passed away without their brains being collected for unknown reasons.
- Of the participants we are currently following, around 60 have completed the intent to donate forms.
 - 2 participants who completed the intent-to-donate form after the study reopened in 2018 passed away without their brains being collected.

So what does normal cognitive aging look like in this cohort?

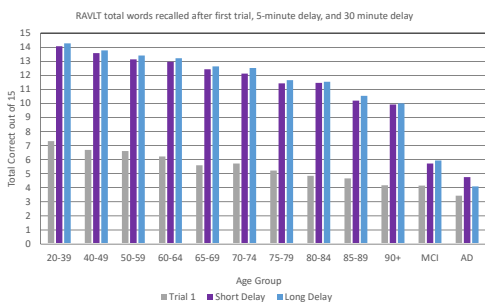
EPISODIC LEARNING/MEMORY

- Word list learning and memory:
 - Repeat the list several times and test free recall after each trial.
 - Test delayed recall for the list (5 and 30 minutes later).
 - Recognition memory.
 - Correctly identify words from the list intermixed with words that were not from the list.
- Story learning and memory:
 - Examinee is read a short story and asked to recall the story immediately after hearing it and then again 20 minutes later

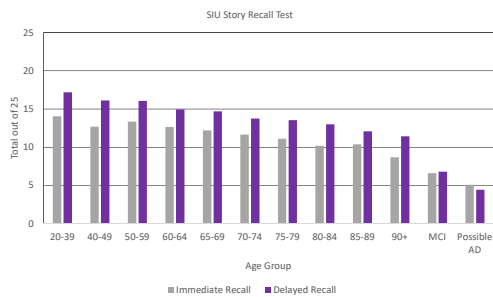
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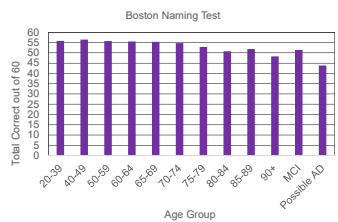
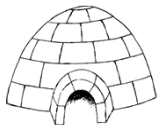


AGING EFFECTS ON THE SIU STORY RECALL TEST

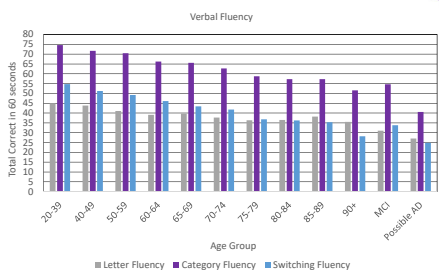


Aging effects on Language skills: Naming of Line drawings

What is this called?



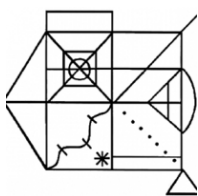
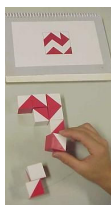
Aging effects on Language Skills: Verbal Fluency



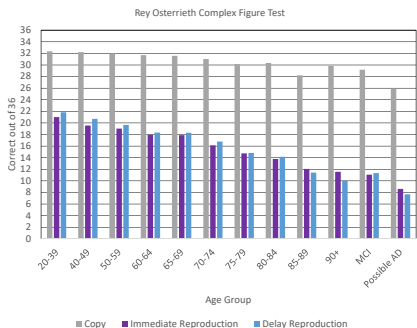
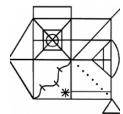
- Letter fluency: Tell me as many words as you can that begin with the letters 'F, A, S' but do not say any words that start with capital letters or numbers.
- Category fluency: Name as many unique animals, boys names, and states as you can.
- Switching fluency: Switch back and forth between saying occupations/colors, states of the United States and animals, and the letters C and P

VISUOSPATIAL SKILLS

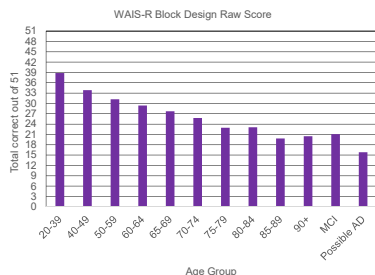
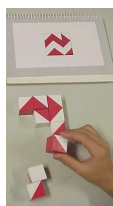
- Complex Figure Copy with immediate and delayed recall
- Spatial Reasoning



COPY, IMMEDIATE RECALL, AND DELAYED RECALL TRIALS



SPATIAL PROBLEM SOLVING



PROCESSING SPEED

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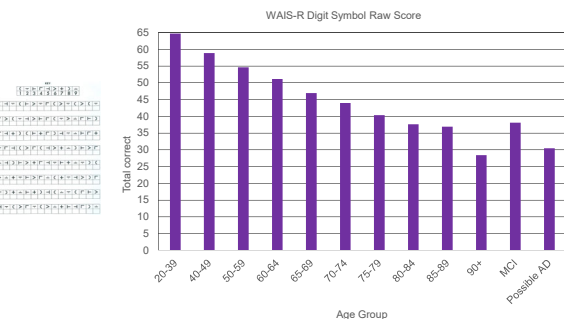
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EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

- “Frontal lobe functions”
- A set of cognitive processes that include:
 - Attentional control
 - Inhibitory control
 - Working memory
 - Cognitive flexibility
 - Multitasking
 - Reasoning
 - Problem solving
 - Planning/Organization
 - Set-Shifting

PROCESSING SPEED



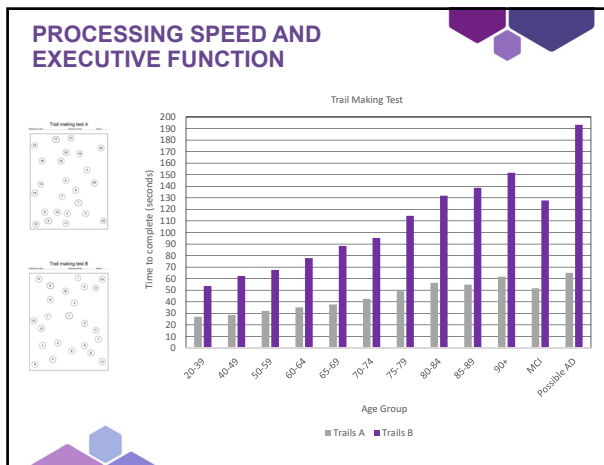
PROCESSING SPEED AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

Trail making test A

Patient's name: _____ Page number: _____ Date: _____

Trail making test B

Patient's name: _____ Page number: _____ Date: _____



PROCESSING SPEED AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

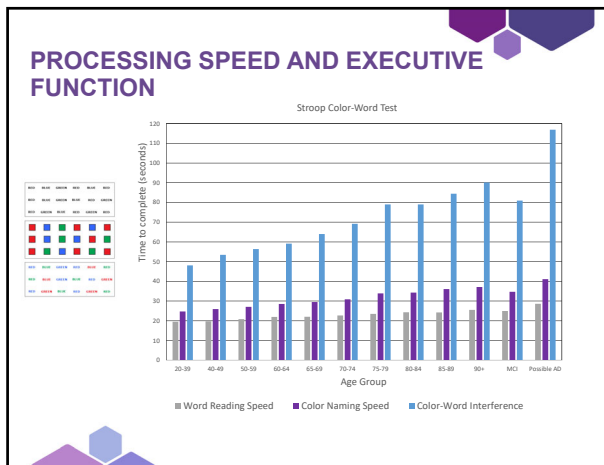
Read the words as quickly as you can across each line until the end of the last line

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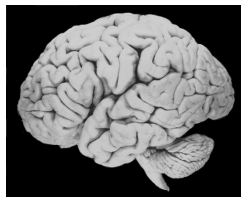
Name the colors as quickly as you can across each line until the end of the last line

Name the color of the ink the words are printed in but do not read the words

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 RED BLUE GREEN BLUE RED GREEN
 RED GREEN BLUE RED GREEN RED



WHAT BRAIN CHANGES ARE HAPPENING IN NORMAL AGING?



SHRINKAGE!

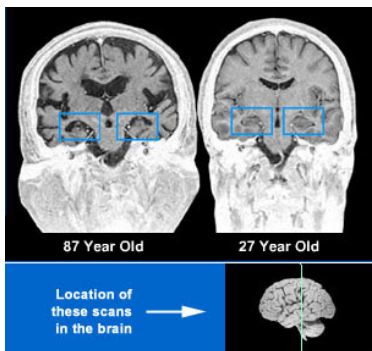


I was in the pool! I was in the pool!

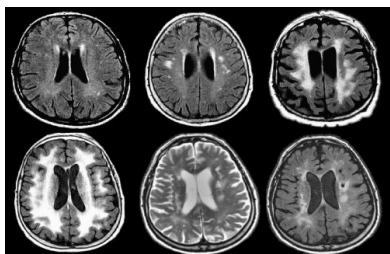
BRAIN VOLUME

- Brain volume ↓ with age at a rate of ~2% per decade beginning in early adulthood.
- CSF volume ↑ with age
- The percentage of brain volume loss correlates with declines in cognitive function in both normal aging and AD.
- Conflicting reports in the literature about which parts of the brain sustain greatest volume loss
 - Frontal vs. Temporal vs. Parietal vs. Occipital

THE AGING BRAIN



MICROVASCULAR CHANGES ON MRI



The spectrum of small vessel disease-related brain changes in MRI: white matter lesions ranging from punctate foci (*upper left*) to extensive confluent abnormalities (*lower left*) and lacunar infarcts (*lower right*).

MICROVASCULAR CHANGES IN NORMAL AGING

- More prominent white matter ischemia as age ↑.
- ↓ white matter integrity in normal aging.
- Speed of information processing along white matter tracts ↓ in normal aging
 - Critical for the processing and integration of complex information.
- Myelin breakdown in white matter contributes to the cognitive declines associated with normal aging.

AGING AND NEUROCHEMISTRY

- ↓ Dopamine
- ↓ Acetylcholine
- ↓ Norepinephrine
- ↓ Serotonin
- ↓ NMDA receptors
- ↓ Cholinergic receptors

THE AGING BRAIN: FUNCTIONAL CHANGES

- Single-unit recordings
 - Diminished neuronal firing rate/alteration in firing pattern
- Sensory evoked potentials
 - Diminished and delayed
- Blood flow (SPECT)
 - Diminished perfusion in select cortical regions
- Metabolic activity (PET)
 - Diminished uptake in select cortical regions
- fMRI
 - Changes in task-related activation

SUMMARY

- Aging is associated with increased prevalence of chronic medical conditions, disability, and dementia.
- The SIU LCAS study is but one of many large studies across the world that are examining neurobiological, neuropsychological, and psychosocial factors that are associated with both normal and abnormal aging.
- Normal Aging is associated with changes in brain structure/function, which correlates with age-related declines in cognitive function.
- Normal Aging is associated with declines in some (but not all) cognitive abilities.
 - These changes are less extensive than observed in individuals who go on to develop dementia.

Thank You for your attention!

Questions?






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The Role of Brain Exercises


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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Define neuroplasticity and cognitive reserve
2. Identify and describe three classes of cognitive interventions
3. Describe the benefits of cognitive stimulation
4. Delineate the types of activities for brain exercises



COGNITION

Cognition – the mental activities and processes involved in receiving, comprehending, storing, retrieving, and using information.



COGNITIVE DOMAINS

memory
attention
executive functions
language
calculation



COGNITIVE DOMAINS

reasoning
processing speed
visual-spatial skill



CONCEPTUAL BASIS

Neuroplasticity

Cognitive resilience

Cognitive reserve

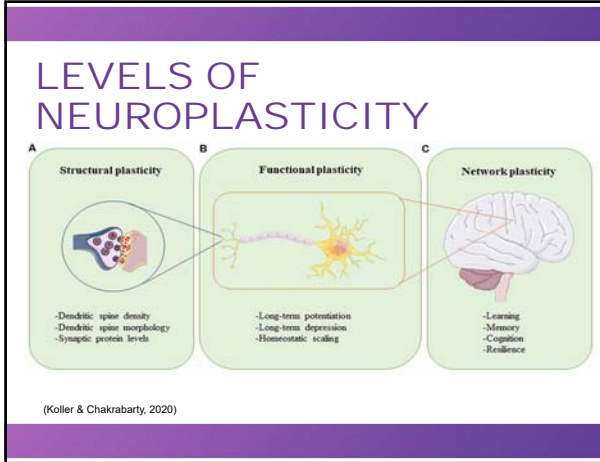


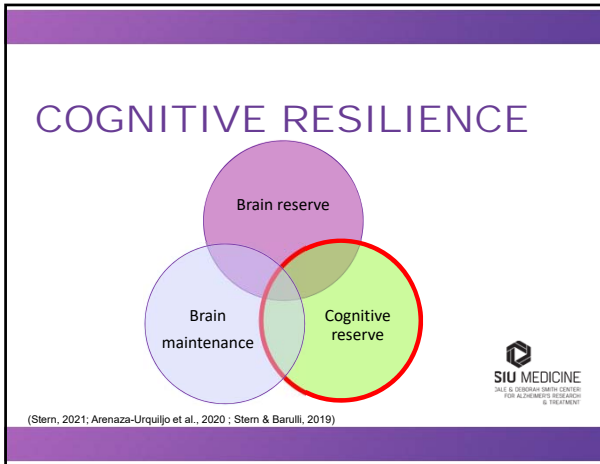
NEUROPLASTICITY

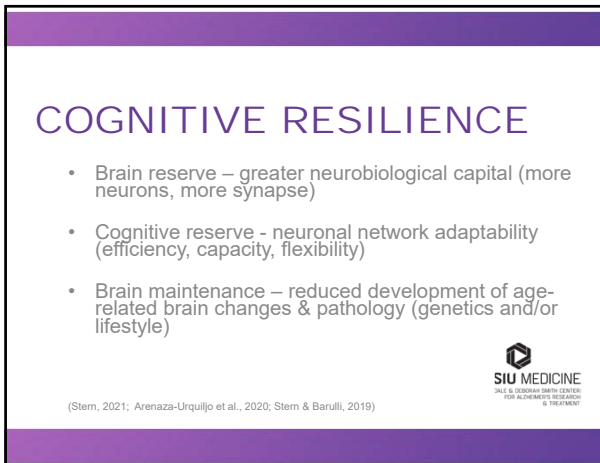
- ability of the brain to modify, change, and adapt structure and function in response to experience across the life span
- essential for healthy brain function



(Nelson, Jester, Petkus, & Andel, 2021; Arenaza-Urquillo et al., 2020; Voss et al., 2017)







COGNITIVE RESILIENCE

Brain reserve
Brain maintenance
Cognitive reserve

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(Stern, 2021; Arenaza-Urquijo et al., 2020 ; Stern & Barulli, 2019)

COGNITIVE RESERVE

- neuronal network adaptability (efficiency, capacity, flexibility)
- individual differences in cognitive or functional brain processes determine cognitive reserve

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COGNITIVE RESERVE

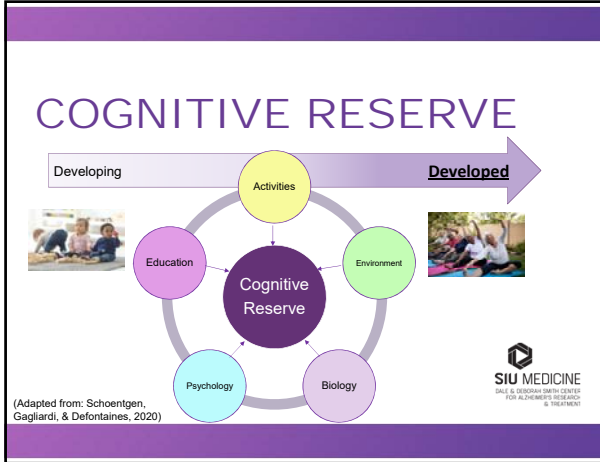
Developing → Developed

Education, Activities, Environment, Psychology, Biology

Cognitive Reserve

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(Adapted from: Schoentgen, Gagliardi, & Defontaine, 2020)



COGNITIVE EXERCISE

COGNITIVE STIMULATION

COGNITIVE TRAINING

COGNITIVE REHABILITATION

(Clare et al., 2018; Bahar-Fuchs, Clare, & Woods, 2013)

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COGNITIVE EXERCISE

COGNITIVE STIMULATION

- non-specific engagement in a range of activities and discussions either individually or in a group setting i.e. reality orientation, reminiscence activities

(Clare et al., 2018; Bahar-Fuchs, Clare, & Woods, 2013)

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COGNITIVE EXERCISE

COGNITIVE TRAINING

- guided approach involving practice of standardized tasks targeting a particular cognitive function such as attention, memory, or problem solving
- computerized cognitive training (CCT)

(Clare et al., 2018; Bahar-Fuchs, Clare, & Woods, 2013)



COGNITIVE EXERCISE

COGNITIVE REHABILITATION

- individualized approach with functional goals, creates compensatory strategies

(Clare et al., 2018; Bahar-Fuchs, Clare, & Woods, 2013)



COGNITIVE EXERCISE

COGNITIVE STIMULATION (CS)

COGNITIVE TRAINING (CT, CCT)

COGNITIVE REHABILITATION (CR)

(Clare et al., 2018; Bahar-Fuchs, Clare, & Woods, 2013)



ACTIVITIES – COGNITIVE STIMULATION

Discussion of past and/or present events

Word games

Puzzles – crossword, word search, sudoku, jigsaw

Music

Board games



ACTIVITIES – COGNITIVE STIMULATION

Indoor gardening

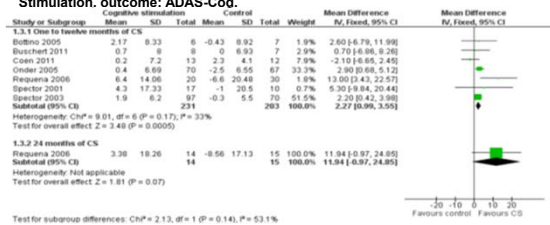
Creative activities – baking, crafting, sewing

Socialization



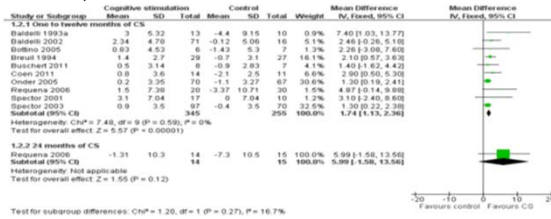
EVIDENCE FOR CS

Figure 2. Forest plot of comparison: 1 Cognitive Stimulation vs No Cognitive Stimulation, outcome: ADAS-Cog.



EVIDENCE FOR CS

Figure 3. Forest plot of comparison: 1 Cognitive Stimulation vs No Cognitive Stimulation, outcome: MMSE.



ACTIVITIES – COGNITIVE TRAINING

- Memory card games
- Memorizing information/lists
- Pattern detection games
- Use of touch screens games to increase thinking speed



ACTIVITIES – COGNITIVE TRAINING

- Board games
- Dance
- Art
- Music



ACTIVITIES – COMPUTERIZED CT (CCT)

BrainHQ – Healthy older adults, ADHD, bipolar disease, depression, MCI, dementia, PD, MS, stroke, TBI

CogniFit – Healthy older adults, ADHD, depression, PD, stroke, PD, dyslexia, dyscalculia, insomnia, fibromyalgia

CogniPlus – Brain damage, ADHD, MCI



(Irazoki et al., 2020; O'Shea et al., 2019)

ACTIVITIES – CCT

Cogmed – ADD, TBI, stroke, learning disorders, cognitive impairment

Luminosity – Healthy older adults



(Irazoki et al., 2020; O'Shea et al., 2019)

EVIDENCE – CT MIDLIFE

Computerized Cognitive Training (CCT)

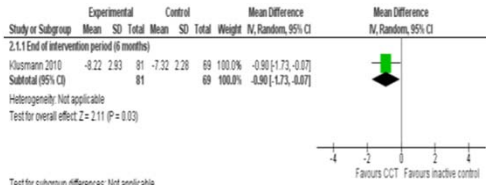
- Cognitive training group performed slightly better on reasoning (executive function)
- Control group performed slightly better on working memory
- No group difference on episodic memory



(Gates et al., 2019)

EVIDENCE – CT LATE LIFE

Figure 7. Forest plot of comparison: 2 Computerized cognition-based training versus inactive control, outcome: 2.1 Episodic Memory.



(Gates, et al., 2020)

EVIDENCE – CT MCI

CCT versus Active & Inactive Controls

1. None of the 8 trials examined development of dementia
2. No data to state that CT prevents dementia
3. Low quality evidence favoring CCT for improvement in global cognitive function, episodic memory, and working memory

(Gates et al., 2019)



EVIDENCE – PREVENTION

CCT - MCI

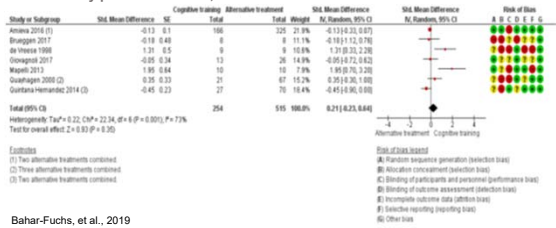
1. No evidence that CCT prevents dementia
2. Improvement in visual and/or verbal episodic memory
3. Improvement in other cognitive domains

(O'Shea, De Wit, & Smith, 2019)



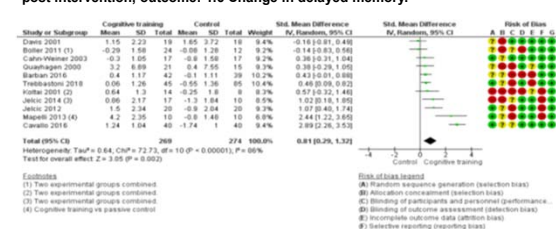
EVIDENCE – CT DEMENTIA

Figure 6. Forest plot of comparison: 3 Cognitive training vs alternative treatment immediately post intervention.



EVIDENCE – CT DEMENTIA

Figure 9. Forest plot of comparison: 1 Cognitive training vs control immediately post intervention, outcome: 1.6 Change in delayed memory.



EVIDENCE – CT EXERCISE

Simultaneous versus Sequential Exercise

1. Significant improvement in composite memory in SIM group
2. Executive function and reaction time improved in the SEQ group
3. Non-verbal abstract reasoning and complex attention in SIM group

(McEwen et al., 2018)



EVIDENCE SUMMARY

1. CS, CT, or CCT does not prevent dementia
2. The evidence is mixed as to the effectiveness of CS, CT, or CCT in improving global and specific cognitive domains.
3. CS, CT, and CCT may offer some improvements in certain cognitive functions



EVIDENCE SUMMARY

4. CS, CT, and CCT may offer some improvement in quality of life and ability to perform Activities of daily living for some individuals
5. Combining CS, CT, or CCT with aerobic exercise may offer a synergistic effect for improving certain cognitive functions



EVIDENCE SUMMARY

6. There is no evidence to date for significant harm from CS, CT, CCT other than the cost of commercially available programs



RECOMMENDATIONS

RESEARCH

1. There is a significant need for further research in this area:
 - a. higher quality studies
 - b. leveraging newer technologies i.e. virtual reality, artificial intelligence/machine learning



RECOMMENDATIONS

CLINICAL

1. Healthy older people should be encouraged to participate in CS and CT activities despite the modest benefits
2. Those with subjective cognitive complaints and MCI should be encouraged to use CS and CT



RECOMMENDATIONS

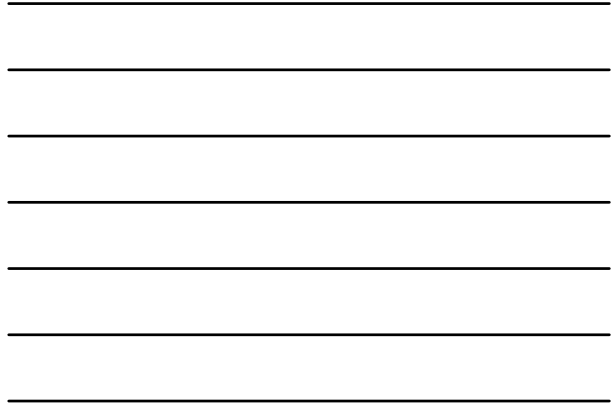
CLINICAL

3. Those with dementia should be encouraged to participate in CS programs
4. Brain health should be incorporated into the public health paradigm from a life span perspective beginning in childhood



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