

Webinar Series on Alzheimer's Disease and Tools for Caregivers

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) at NIH and the Administration on Aging (AoA) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL) collaborated to host a webinar series to improve coordination of federal resources available to assist people with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias and their family caregivers. The webinars feature presentations and information from the AoA-supported Eldercare Locator and the National Alzheimer's Contact Center operated by the Alzheimer's Association, as well as from NIA-funded Alzheimer's Disease Centers and the Institute's Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center. The agendas & speakers are as follows:

Webinar #1:

Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias: Basic/Refresher Information and Current Updates for the Aging Network on Symptoms, Diagnoses and Treatments

Wednesday, May 9, 10:30am - 12pm PT/11:30am - 1pm MT/12:30 - 2pm CT/1:30 - 3pm ET

Agenda:

1. What is dementia
2. Types of dementia
3. Risk factors
4. Diagnosing dementia
5. Drug and non-drug treatments for dementia, drug discovery research
6. Federally-funded sources for more information

Presenters:

- Greg Case, Director of the Office of Supportive & Caregiver Services, AoA/ACL
- Vicky Cahan, Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, NIA
- Raj C. Shah, MD, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine and Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center
- Sandra Weintraub, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Laurie Ryan, PhD, Program Director, Alzheimer's Clinical Trials, NIA

Moderator:

Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, Chicago Regional Support Center, AoA/ACL

Webinar #2:

On-line Tools and Resources to Assist Individuals with Dementia and Caregivers: National Alzheimer's Contact Center, Eldercare Locator and ADEAR (Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center)

Wednesday, June 13, 10:30am - 12pm PT/11:30am – 1pm MT/12:30 - 2pm CT/1:30 - 3pm ET

Agenda:

1. Info on and Tour of National Alzheimer's Contact Center website and tools
2. Info on and Tour of Eldercare Locator website and tools
3. Info on and Tour of ADEAR website and tools

Presenters:

- Karen Pocinki, Chief, Health Resources & Communications Group, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, NIA
- Michelle Washko, PhD, Office of Policy Analysis & Development, ACL
- David Parris, Senior Associate Director, National Alzheimer's Contact Center, Alzheimer's Association
- Mary Osborne, Program Manager, Eldercare Locator, n4a
- David Burton, Project Director, Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center, NIA
- Jennifer Watson, Project Officer, ADEAR Center, NIA

Moderator:

Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, Chicago Regional Support Center, AoA/ACL

Webinar #3:

Connecting the Aging Network, Individuals with Dementia, and Caregivers with Research Opportunities

Thursday, July 12, 10:30am - 12:00pm PT/11:30 am – 1pm MT/12:30 - 2pm CT/1:30 - 3pm ET

Agenda:

1. Overview of Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs): What are ADCs and how can they benefit persons whom they suspect of having or have dementia? Where are ADCs located? What are other research centers/sites, such as Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study?

2. Participating in clinical trials and other research: What are clinical trials (both drug and non-drug trials)? How can a person participate?
3. How can the Aging Network offer opportunities for healthy volunteers, individuals with dementia and caregivers of people with dementia to be involved with research opportunities, including taking advantage of local Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs and partnering with other organizations conducting research?
4. How can you find research opportunities:
 - a. NIH resources: ClinicalTrials.gov, ADEAR clinical trials database, ResearchMatch, Clinical Research and You site
 - b. TrialMatch.org and other and tools

Presenters:

- Michelle Washko, PhD, Office of Policy Analysis and Development, ACL
- Nina Silverberg, PhD, Assistant Director, Alzheimer's Disease Centers Program, NIA
- Diana R. Kerwin, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine-Geriatrics, Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Raj C. Shah, MD, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine and Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center
- Jennifer Watson, Project Officer, ADEAR Center, NIA
- Martha Tierney, Team Lead, National Alzheimer's Contact Center, Alzheimer's Association

Moderator:

Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, Chicago Regional Support Center, AoA/ACL