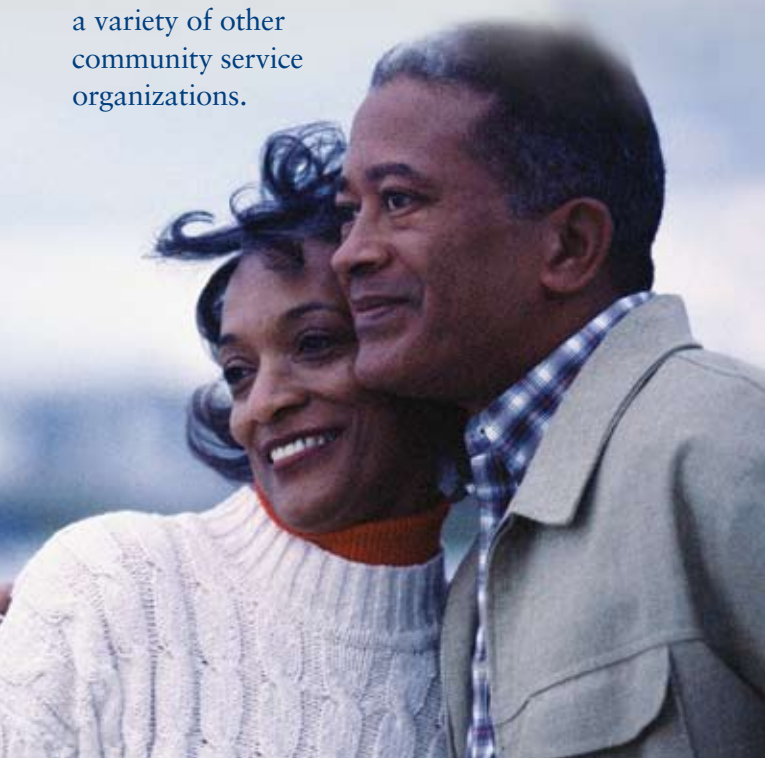


What are the benefits of participating in research?

- Gain access to new research treatments before they are widely available
- Obtain expert medical evaluations at leading healthcare facilities during participation
- Help others by contributing to medical research

The ADRC works closely with many University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) facilities, including Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC), UPMC Presbyterian, UPMC Montefiore, and UPMC Benedum Geriatric Center. The ADRC also has working partnerships with the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, various departments within the School of Medicine, and other University programs, as well as collaborations with the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and a variety of other community service organizations.



What is Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a chronic, progressive disorder of the brain that can cause a variety of problems, such as memory loss, impaired judgment, confusion, and/or loss of language skills. The patient with Alzheimer's disease experiences problems with intellectual abilities severe enough to interfere with routine, everyday activities. Although most of those affected are 65 years or older, AD can strike decades earlier. The diagnosis of AD is complicated by its gradual onset; the lack of a single, specific diagnostic test; and the fact that some other diseases mimic AD. For this reason, any person with signs of mental deterioration should undergo a thorough evaluation, including medical history, physical examination, laboratory tests, and neuropsychological assessment.

If you or someone you know has any of these problems, please call the Alzheimer Disease Research Center (ADRC) at 412-692-2700 to obtain an application for assessment.



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Moving Toward a Cure

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The Alzheimer Disease Research Center (ADRC) at the University of Pittsburgh is one of the nation's leading research centers specializing in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Through outpatient evaluations, participants and their families benefit from state-of-the-art diagnostic assessments and contribute to the scientific study of Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer Outreach Center

The Alzheimer Outreach Center (AOC) is the community satellite and outreach program of the ADRC.

The ADRC Mission

The overall objective of the ADRC is to study the pathophysiology (changes in the brain) of Alzheimer's disease, with the aim of improving the reliability of diagnosis of AD and developing effective treatment strategies. The ADRC is funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), and as part of the research program provides a comprehensive outpatient evaluation including medical, neurological, psychiatric, social, and cognitive assessments. A major focus of the ADRC is a commitment by individuals to participate in additional ADRC research studies. Individuals enrolled at the ADRC are required to participate in additional studies in order to be followed by the center.

Specific services at the ADRC include:

- comprehensive diagnostic evaluation of patients with suspected Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia
- neuropsychological evaluation of memory, language, judgment, and other cognitive abilities
- re-evaluation on an annual basis, or as needed
- referrals to physicians, community social service agencies, transportation services, adult day care, support groups, long-term care, and other appropriate programs
- education and counseling for patients and families
- participation in state-of-the-art research studies

Do you or someone you know display any of the following symptoms?

- Increasing forgetfulness or memory loss
- Personality or behavioral changes
- Indecision or poor judgment
- Difficulty performing tasks that were previously performed easily

These may be symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.



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The Alzheimer Disease Research Center is located on the fourth floor (Suite W-421) of UPMC Montefiore, 3459 Fifth Avenue, in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. For more information, call 412-692-2700 or visit www.adrc.pitt.edu.

