

ROADBLOCKS TO EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA



93% of older adults believe cognitive changes are a part of normal aging.

Only **40%** of Americans would talk to their doctor right away if experiencing early memory or cognitive loss.



99% of PCPs refer patients to specialists when they detect cognitive impairment.

PCPs report **not having enough time** during routine visits to perform thorough cognitive evaluations and say they are not entirely comfortable using existing assessment tools.

97% of primary care physicians (PCPs) report waiting for patients to make them aware of symptoms or request an assessment.



PCPs place the most trust for Alzheimer's diagnosis in **neurologists (79%)** and **geriatricians (68%)**.

More than half of PCPs feel there is a shortage of specialists in their area; this is particularly evident in rural places.

20 U.S. states are considered "dementia neurology deserts" – places that are projected to have **fewer than 10** neurologists available **per 10,000** people in 2025.

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WOULD WANT TO KNOW EARLY IF THEY HAVE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IF IT COULD ALLOW FOR EARLIER TREATMENT.

