

Alzheimer's Disease

Because of the impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system, the disease rates highly among our nation's greatest medical, social, and economic challenges now and in the future.

4.5 million

Americans currently have Alzheimer's disease.

(Arch Neurol, 2003)

67%

of all nursing home residents have moderate-to advanced Alzheimer's dementia.

(J Am Geriatr Soc, 2003)

11.3 to 16 million

people will have Alzheimer's disease by 2050.

(Arch Neurol, 2003)

\$100 billion

is spent each year in direct and indirect costs caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease in the United States.

(2001-2002 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report, National Institutes of Health, 2003)

\$174,000

is the average lifetime cost of care for an individual with Alzheimer's disease.

(2001-2002 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report, National Institutes of Health, 2003)

75%

is the expected increase in Medicare costs for beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease, from \$91 billion in 2005 to \$160 billion in 2010.

(Saving Lives, Saving Money: Dividends for Americans Investing in Alzheimer's Research, Alzheimer's Association, 2004)

14%

is the expected increase in Medicaid expenditures for residential dementia care, from \$21 billion in 2005 to \$24 billion in 2010.

(Saving Lives, Saving Money: Dividends for Americans Investing in Alzheimer's Research, Alzheimer's Association, 2004)

39%

of all AL/RC residents have moderate-to advanced Alzheimer's dementia.

(J Am Geriatr Soc, 2003)



75%

with end-stage dementia die within 6 months of admission to hospice.

(Am J Hosp Palliat Care, 2003)

100%

of events, encounters, or exchanges between an Alzheimer's resident and AL staff is a potential opportunity for meaningful socialization, enjoyment, satisfaction, and self-fulfillment.

(Dementia Care Practice Recommendations for Assisted Living Residences and Nursing Homes, Alzheimer's Association, 2006)

≤30 minutes

of 1 specific activity or task is appropriate for most individuals with Alzheimer's dementia before transitioning to another task.

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