

# ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA: TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH & CLINICAL INTERVENTION

Special Topic Issue: Psychosocial Measures

## OVERVIEW

Papers are being solicited that critically evaluate existing measures in four areas of the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations and make recommendations regarding measurement gaps in that area. Along with other papers, they will constitute a peer-reviewed special issue of the Alzheimer's Association online journal, *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions*.

Four papers are being solicited; each will address one of the following topics:

- » Medical management
- » Care for behavioral reactions/expressions (also referred to as behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia)
- » Workforce
- » Transitions and coordination of services

For more information about the Dementia Care Practice Recommendations, refer to full articles at [alz.org/qualitycare](http://alz.org/qualitycare).



## METHODS

Each paper will address measurement related to one of the four areas of the Dementia Care Practice Recommendations listed above. (Papers addressing the other five areas of the Dementia Care Practice Recommendations are already in development.)

- » **Section one:** Summarize the key points from the related Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendation for that topic area.
- » **Section two:** Describe the existing measurement strategies and measures within that area, identifying the measures through a comprehensive search of the peer-reviewed literature. A standardized organizational strategy will be recommended to achieve consistency across all articles in the manner in which the measures are described.
- » **Section three:** Assess critically the quality of each measure. Again, a standardized organizational strategy will be recommended to achieve consistency.
- » **Section four:** Address how the existing measures can be used within the context of the framework being proposed.
- » **Section five:** Discuss the gaps in measurement and areas for new measurement development.

The Alzheimer's Association has received funding from the U.S. National Institutes of Health to develop a consortium to usher in the next phase of psychosocial research in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, ultimately leading to improved care and outcomes. The consortium is known as **LINC-AD: Leveraging an Interdisciplinary Consortium to Improve Care and Outcomes for Persons Living with Alzheimer's and Dementia.**

One objective of LINC-AD is to promote the development of new outcome measures and care tools to fill identified gaps through a call for papers. Authors will be invited to become members of LINC-AD.

## SUBMISSION/REVIEW PROCESS

If you are interested in being considered to submit a paper in one of the four areas outlined, please send a brief proposal to [lincad@alz.org](mailto:lincad@alz.org) and include a brief summary of your expertise and previous publications related to the topic area and/or experience related to measurement evaluation. Guest editors (Drs. Sube Banerjee, Sam Fazio and Sheryl Zimmerman) will provide additional information once selected. Open access charges and publication fees will be paid by the Alzheimer's Association. All papers will be peer-reviewed, therefore an invitation to submit does not guarantee acceptance. Authors must follow the Journal's guide for authors (e.g., formatting, word limits) found at [alzheimersanddementia.com](http://alzheimersanddementia.com).

For more information about LINC-AD, visit [alz.org/linc-ad](http://alz.org/linc-ad).