Why participate in research?

By participating in clinical research, you can help to accelerate progress and provide valuable insight into potential treatments and methods of prevention for Alzheimer’s. Without people like you, finding a cure is nearly impossible.

In the United States alone, more than 5 million people are living with Alzheimer’s and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers.

Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, killing more Americans than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

For people living with dementia, and those personally affected by it, participating in research is one way to take action and make a difference. The study you participate in could help lead to long-sought scientific breakthroughs that slow or stop this devastating disease.

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The Alzheimer’s Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s disease and all other dementia™.

Visit our website to learn more about TrialMatch and how to connect with clinical studies in your area. For more assistance, email TrialMatch@alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

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What is TrialMatch?
Alzheimer’s Association TrialMatch® is a service that provides customized lists of clinical studies based on user-provided information. The free, easy-to-use platform allows you to see which studies are a good fit for you or a family member. Search for studies, sign up for study updates, or connect with researcher teams with the click of a button.

Who can sign up for TrialMatch?
Everyone interested in advancing Alzheimer’s research can use this matching service, including:

➤ People living with dementia.
➤ Caregivers.
➤ Healthy volunteers without dementia.

What types of studies does TrialMatch include?
While some Alzheimer’s studies involve drugs and physical tests, others involve observation and questionnaires. The TrialMatch database includes a variety of studies:

➤ **Treatment trials** test new drug and non-drug based dementia treatments or combinations of treatments.

➤ **Diagnostic studies** find new tests or procedures for diagnosing a disease or condition.

➤ **Prevention trials** investigate ways to prevent the onset of diseases.

➤ **Quality of life studies** explore ways to improve quality of life for individuals who have a chronic illness, their caregivers and family members.

➤ **Online studies** – web-based research conducted entirely online.

Where are the studies located?
TrialMatch makes it easy to identify studies you may qualify for in a location near you. Our continually updated database contains hundreds of studies being conducted at sites across the country and online.

How does TrialMatch work?
1. Visit alz.org/trialmatch.
   You can also call 800.272.3900 or email TrialMatch@alz.org to get started.

2. Answer a few simple questions.
   This information will refine the list of recommended studies to those that best apply to you or the person you are helping sign up. All information is kept completely confidential unless you choose to share it with a study team.

3. Review your study matches.
   You’re under no obligation to participate. You can reach out to researchers directly to sign up, or let researchers know that you are open to being contacted with more information about their study.

   You can also browse available clinical studies by location and type, or sign up to be notified when new studies are posted that are relevant to you.

“Clinical characteristics of a disease may be different in one group when compared to another. It’s very, very important that people of all genders and ethnicities participate.”
- Monica W. Parker, M.D.
Healthy volunteer

“Participating in clinical studies is one way I can fight back, and work to provide a dementia-free world for my children and grandchildren.”
- Karen W.
Living with Alzheimer’s