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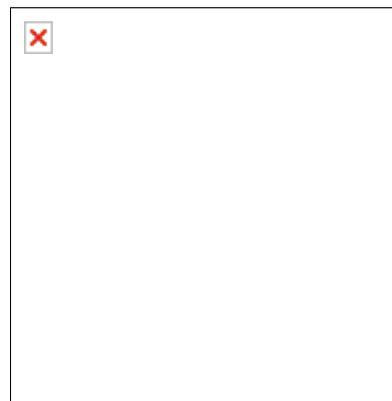
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• Disappointing Results From Dimebon Study

Dimebon, a once-promising new Alzheimer's drug from Pfizer Inc., may be no more effective than a placebo at treating the disease, according to late-stage clinical data released by the company Wednesday.

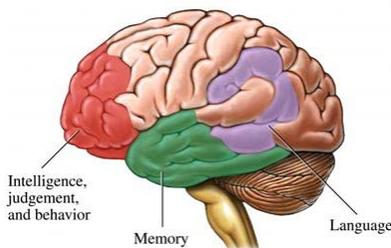


This news comes as a shock to many and a disappointment to all in the Alzheimer's community. A statement, issued by The Alzheimer's Association, "This is obviously not the outcome for which we had hoped. People with Alzheimer's, their families and caregivers desperately need more and better treatment options."

This result, although not what was expected, calls attention to the ongoing need for additional research funding. We hope you will join others across the country by encouraging legislators to increase funding for Alzheimer's research.

[New York Times Dimebon report](#)

Predicting the Progression of Alzheimer's



ScienceDaily (Mar. 4, 2010)
An assessment has been developed which reliably predicts future performance in cognition and activities of daily living for patients with Alzheimer's disease.

Researchers writing in BioMed Central's open access journal

• Chapter Hosts Exhibit For FotoFest



Join the board, staff, and friends of the Alzheimer's Association as we view a collection of photographs of caregivers and persons with Alzheimer's disease. Our Chapter is participating in FotoFest Biennial, the first international Biennial of Photography and Photo-

Alzheimer's Research & Therapy followed 597 patients over 15 years to identify factors associated with slow, intermediate and rapid progression.

Professor Rachelle Doody worked with a team of researchers from **Baylor College of Medicine**, Texas, US, to carry out the study. She said, "Patients and families frequently ask clinicians to predict expected rates of cognitive and functional decline, and clinicians currently have little basis for making such decisions. We've found that a simple, calculated progression rate at the initial visit gives reliable information regarding performance over time. The slowest progression group also survives longer."

The research team used a wide combination of standardized tests and scales to assess the ability of their method to predict abilities including memory, language, arithmetic and judgment/problem solving as well as the performance of daily skills over time. In addition to potential use in clinical practice, the team's classification methodology may also have research applications.

Predicting Alzheimer's Disease

Quick Links...

- [Chapter Website](#)
- [Become An Alzheimer's Advocate](#)

related Art in the USA.

**Friday, March 19
5-7:30 p.m.**

Chapter Office
2242 W. Holcombe Blvd at Greenbriar

[Click to RSVP](#)

The exhibit will hang at the Chapter March 19 - April 20; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M - F (Closed April 2)

About the Artist

Nan Dickson, a fourth generation Texan, began her photographic career in 1979. She exhibits her black-and-white photography at locations in Texas and Colorado. This is Dickson's third offering to the FotoFest. Her inspiration for the exhibit came from her mother, who lives with Alzheimer's disease.

[More about our exhibit](#)

• **Virtual Candlelight Vigil**

Participate in the Alzheimer's Action Summit **Virtual Candlelight Rally**. On the evening of **March 7, 2010**, advocates will gather on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, share their stories and light candles in honor of loved ones. This moving ceremony is part of the Alzheimer's Association annual Alzheimer's Action Summit.



Show your support by [lighting a virtual candle](#) now and becoming an Alzheimer's champion. You will be able to write a personal message that will appear online.

[Light a virtual candle](#)

• **Around the Chapter**

[Early Stage Member Will Attend Action Summit](#)

Roger Bateman, former radio news reporter and early stage peer group member, will join other Alzheimer's advocates across the country at the Alzheimer's Action Summit in Washington DC to lobby for increased Alzheimer's disease support. [Click here to read his comments.](#)

- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [Request A Care Consultation On-Line](#)
- [Professional Conference on May 7, 2010](#)

Blondes v Brunettes Powder Puff Football
 Are you ready for some football? Join us for the 2010 Blondes v Brunettes Powder Puff Football **May 15th** as we tackle Alzheimer's. [Want to play or coach? Register by March 15th](#)

Chapter Events

- [Events In Beaumont & Southeast Texas](#)
- [Events In East Texas \(Nacogdoches/Lufkin area\)](#)
- [Events In Gulf Coast Area \(Wharton, Sugar Land, etc\)](#)

[Professional Education](#)

Schlichting Professional Conference Keynote Announced

Katie Maslow, MSW is director for policy development at the Alzheimer's Association. Her work focuses on policy and practice initiatives to improve the quality and coordination of health care and long-term care services for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to support for their family caregivers. [Register now](#)

[Community Education in March](#)

March 23rd

[Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters](#)

Workshop & Resource Fair
 Location: City of Conroe Activity Center
 1202 Callahan Ave, Conroe, TX 77301
 Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 For more information - 713.314.1313.

March 29th

[Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters](#)

Workshop & Resource Fair
 Location: Austin County Courthouse
 1 E Main St., Bellville, TX 77418
 Time: 6 - 8:30 p.m.
 For more information, 713.314.1313.

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