



## over 65 years old is ONE living with IN 10 PEOPLE Alzheimer's disease.[1]

It is the most common form of dementia or mental decline impacting

> **5.8 MILLION** AMERICANS



Alzheimer's is a disease of the brain thought to begin 20 years before symptoms appear. Our longer life spans have increased the risk of dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

New research by Dr. Dale Bredesen, M.D., and colleagues' demonstrates that a functional medicine approach that addresses multiple lifestyle factors can slow down and even prevent dementia.[2]

In honor of World Alzheimer's Day, we would like to increase the awareness of these important tools that can help us take control of how well we age.



Cognitive decline doesn't have to go along with aging, even for those that are genetically predisposed.

The research suggests that early intervention with diet and lifestyle can reduce the risk of cognitive decline and Alzheimer's.

## **KNOW THE SYMPTOMS**

Early symptoms can be very mild and difficult to detect. Becoming aware of these early warning signs is important. Possible symptoms include:[3]



**Sleeping more** often, waking up late, or taking more afternoon naps



right words

Difficulty finding the



"Brain Fog"

A general loss of

interest even in

activities once enjoyed



Confusion regarding time or place

Apathy

or depression



Difficulty focusing

Vision

problems



Difficulty competing daily or familiar tasks





## **EDUCATION** EARLY DETECTION IS KEY.

At the first signs of cognitive decline it is best to not wait to get checked. Early detection increases the chances to stop or reverse disease progression.



**ON WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY** empower yourself and your family to take control of

their cognitive aging by sharing this important message.

Functional medicine is a science-based approach that identifies and addresses the root cause of disease. This will allow the right treatment plan to be tailored to individual needs.





<sup>2</sup> Bredesen DE, Sharlin K, Jenkins D, et al. Reversal of Cognitive Decline: 100 Patients. J Alzheimers Dis Parkinsonism. 2018;8(5):1-6.

<sup>3</sup> 10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/10\_signs. Accessed September 18, 2019.