

Diagnosis and Treatment Options

Choosing a Medical Professional for Diagnosis and After-care

The primary health care need for people with dementia is to be evaluated and treated by a medical professional. Because dementia requires a battery of tests and ruling out other causes, the importance of a quality examination is crucial. Once the diagnosis is made you will want to think about follow-up care. Thus you might go to one medical professional or clinic for an initial assessment and another for on-going treatment, symptom management (i.e., behaviors) and physical/psychological health maintenance.



If unsure where to start in finding a doctor, please call our family assistance staff at (800) 272-3900, (937) 291-3332 or email julie.worley@alz.org for further assistance.

Alzheimer's Disease Center (ADC)

The National Institute on Aging funds Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs) at major medical institutions across the nation. Researchers at these centers are working to translate research advances into improved diagnosis and care for Alzheimer's disease (AD) and related dementia patients while, at the same time, focusing on a cure. Costs may vary—centers may accept Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. (For a full list of ADCs visit: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers/researchinformation/researchcenters>)

Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Ctr

Indiana University School of Medicine
635 Barnhill Drive, MS-A-138
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5120
Website: <http://iadc.iupui.edu>
Information Line: 317-274-1590

University of Kentucky Alzheimer's Disease Ctr

Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Rm. 101
800 South Limestone St.
Lexington, KY 40536-0230
Website: www.mc.uky.edu/coa/
Information Line: 859-323-6040

Specialists

A variety of local specialists diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. After having an initial conversation with your family doctor, the doctor might make a referral. Otherwise you may ask for a referral to one of the doctors listed below or simply make the call yourself.

Neurologists

Dayton Center for Neurological Disorders 1975 Miamisburg Centerville Rd., Dayton, OH 937-439-6186
(Kenneth Pugar, D.O., Sharon Merryman, D.O., Michael Valle, D.O., Timothy Schoonover, D.O., Petre Udrea, M.D., James Beegan, M.D., Ryan Maenpa, M.D., Tamer Saad, M.D., Gottfried Vean-Louis, M.D., Tracey Eicher, M.D.)

Neurology Specialists 1 Elizabeth Place Ste 210, Dayton, OH 937-495-0000
(Lawrence Goldstick, M.D., Alan Jacobs, M.D.)

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Neurologists (continued)

<i>Neurology Diagnostics</i> (Joel Vandersluis, M.D., Donald Wamsley, M.D.)	1 Elizabeth Place Ste. B, Dayton, OH	937-224-8200
<i>Amrit Chadha, M.D.</i>	1240 East Main St., Springfield, OH	937-325-0665
<i>Jacob Kitchener, M.D.</i>	30 East Apple St Ste.5254, Dayton, Oh	937-339-8513
<i>Rabindra Kitchener, M.D.</i>	St. Rt.25 A, Troy, Ohio	937-439-6186
<i>Vadat Ranganathan, M.D.</i>	3152 El Camino, Springfield, OH	937-629-0940
<i>Antonela Svetic, M.D.</i>	3095 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, Oh	937-352-2790
<i>Dennis Sullivan, M.D.</i>	30 W. McCreight Ave., Ste.1, Springfield, Oh	937-399-8921
<i>Ling Xu, M.D.</i>	540 Lincoln Park, Dayton, Oh	937-312-8150

Geriatric Assessment Center

<i>Wright State Physicians*</i> (Larry Lawhorne, M.D., Steven Swedland, M.D., Gordina Gataric, M.D.)	68 Darst Rd., Beavercreek, OH	937-458-6700
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* *Makes home visits*

Regional Neurological Assessment Centers

<i>Ohio State University, Dept of Neurology</i> (Douglas Scharre, M.D.; will need a referral from your primary care physician)	Columbus, OH	614-293-8531
<i>Cleveland Clinic, Neurological Institute</i>	Cleveland, OH	216-444-5812

Neuropsychologists and Geri-psychologists

<i>Nicholas Doninger, PhD</i>	Kettering Hospital Ste.5200, Kettering, OH	937-395-8043
<i>Jerry Flexman, PhD</i>	1020 Woodman Dr, Dayton, OH 45432	937-256-5300
<i>James Gilchrest, PhD</i>	30 Apple St., Dayton, OH	937-208-2554
<i>Bill Smith, PhD</i>	3130 Country Rd 25 A, Troy, OH 45373	937-440-4840

See the next page for physicians and nurse practitioners who work with dementia and are either office-based or offer home visits.

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Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

Office-based Practices

<i>Jerry Clark, M.D.</i>	722 N. Fairfield Rd., Beavercreek, OH	937-208-7000
<i>Robert Hunter, D.O.</i>	8701 Old Troy Pike Ste 20, Huber Heights, OH	937-233-7146
<i>Dr. Richard Darr, M.D.</i>	444 W. Harding Rd., Springfield, OH	937-390-3749
<i>Dr. Manakshi Patel, M.D.</i>	6611 Clyo Rd., Centerville, OH	937-208-8282
<i>Julie Larson, M.D.</i>	9000 N. Main St., Dayton, OH	937-836-7130

Looking for a family doctor in your area? Please contact the Help*Line at (937) 291-3332 or email julie.worley@alz.org for additional lists of physicians throughout our nine county region.

Home Visiting Practices

<i>Home Care Doctors</i> (Counties served: Clark, Miami and Preble)	1 Elizabeth Place, Dayton, OH	937-424-5470
<i>Visiting Physician Association</i> (Counties served: Clark, Champaign, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby)	3077 Kettering Blvd Ste 319, Dayton, OH	937-293-2133
<i>Advanced Geriatric Education and Consulting</i> (Counties served: Montgomery, Darke, Miami and Preble)	PO Box 431, Brookville, OH	888-393-9799
<i>Trusted Care</i> (Counties served: Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble)	325 Regency Ridge, Dayton, OH	937-436-3833

Please note:

- The above listing of physicians is for information only and does not necessarily reflect an endorsement by the Alzheimer's Association, Miami Valley Chapter.
- If a physician would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact Julie Worley, Director of Family Assistance, Alzheimer's Association Miami Valley Chapter at (937) 291-3332 or julie.worley@alz.org.