

Language and Diversity and Alzheimer's Disease

Incredibly Useful Web sites on Cultural Language & Health

Description of the topic

Persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families and professional caregivers often look for resources in community languages. Identified here are Web sites with information in non-English languages and on cultural competency in health care. While there may be some overlap, each site has unique features and is aimed at providing current, practical, and expert information.

Alzheimer's Association National Office.
Chicago, IL.

Caring for diverse populations.

Diversity resource materials reviewed and recommended by leaders in research and care in ethnic and cultural minority groups including African-American, Chinese, Hispanic/Latino, and Korean. The section also includes [General Resources](#) which contain a report on diversity programming and an Asian Pacific Islander project, diversity in treatment and assessment, and a cultural competency tip sheet and definition of cultural competency.

http://www.alz.org/professionals_and_researchers_11194.asp

Inside the brain: an interactive tour.

The Brain Tour explains how the brain works and how Alzheimer's affects it in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, and English.

http://www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_4719.asp

Recursos para los Latinos (Latino Resources).

Provides the Ten Warning Signs, Diabetes and Alzheimer's disease, and information on care giving and safety, translations services and message boards for bilingual support.

http://www.alz.org/espanol_latino_resources.asp

Alzheimer's Australia
Hawker, ACT, Australia.

Dementia information in other languages.

Contains 11 helps sheets on dementia, behaviors and care giving; 7 Mind Signposts on healthy living, and a list of publications in community languages. Languages include Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Macedonian, Malay, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?categoryid=14>

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center (ADEAR).
Silver Springs, MD.

Spanish language materials.

<http://www.niapublications.org/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=8&cat=Spanish+Language+Materials>

Alzheimer's Disease International.
London, UK.

Language material from Alzheimer Associations worldwide.

<http://www.alz.co.uk/alzheimers/languages.html>

Alzheimer Europe.
Luxembourg, LU.

An association supporting transnational projects funded by the European Commission. To find information and publications on Alzheimer's disease in community languages, switch to Danish, German, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Finnish, or English on the home page.

<http://www.alzheimer-europe.org>

Alzheimer Scotland.
Edinburgh, SCT.

Dementia: what you need to know.

An information resource in English, Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Italian, Polish, Ukrainian, and Urdu.

<http://www.alzscot.org/pages/info/otherlanguages.htm>

EthnoMed.

Seattle, WA.

A web site maintained by the University of Washington of cultural profiles for Amharic, Cambodian, Chinese, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Hispanic, Hmong, Oromo, Somali, Tigrean, Vietnamese. Information on Arab, South Asia, Soviet Jewish, and Ukrainian groups are also provided.

<http://ethnomed.org>

Family Caregiver Alliance.

San Francisco, CA.

Chinese (traditional and simplified).

Alzheimer's disease, assisted living supportive housing, behavior management, care giving, care giving and depression, community care options, dementia, durable power of attorney, early stage, end-of-life choices (CPR, DNR, Tube feeding), hiring help in the home, and legal planning in Chinese.

http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=529

Information in Spanish.

Alzheimer's disease, assisted living supportive housing, behavior management, care giving, care giving and depression, community care options, dementia, durable power of attorney, early stage, end-of-life choices (CPR, DNR, Tube feeding), hiring help in the home, and legal planning in Spanish

http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=545

National Library of Medicine - MedlinePlus. Información de Salud para Usted.

Bethesda, MD.

This web site of medical information is available in English and Spanish.

<http://medlineplus.gov/spanish>

Alzheimer's disease - multiple languages.

Includes information from government agencies and nonprofit organizations with links to overviews of the disease and disease management, research, related disorders, and a link to the Alzheimer's Association interactive brain tour in Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Hindi, Japanese, Korean, French, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian, and English.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/alzheimersdisease.html>

Dementia - multiple languages.

Contains overviews, information on diagnosis, management, news, related topics, and organizations in Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Hindi, Japanese, Korean, French, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian, and English.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/dementia.html>

Alzheimer's caregivers – multiple languages.

A web resource that discusses the concerns that caregivers face and the ways they cope when caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease in Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Spanish, and English.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/alzheimerscaregivers.html>

Quick guide to health literacy basics.

<http://www.health.gov/communication/literacy/quickguide/factsbasic.htm>

New South Wales Health.

North Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Dementia: answers to common questions about memory loss and confusion.

Fact sheets in Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, English, Greek, Italian, Korean, Macedonian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, and Vietnamese are provided. Scroll down to "Other Languages."

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/general/dementia.html>

Ohio State University Medical Center, Health Information Translations.

Columbus, OH.

Alzheimer's disease.

An information resource in English, Chinese simplified, French, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

http://www.healthinfotranslations.com/alzheimers_disease_780948.php

Types of dementia.

A information resource in English, Chinese simplified, French, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Ukrainian

http://www.healthinfotranslations.com/types_of_dementia_50516.php

United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Washington, DC

Think cultural health.

Contains free online accredited programs for physicians and nurses, and a web tool for health care agencies on providing culturally competent care.

<http://www.thinkculturalhealth.org>

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