ROADBLOCKS TO EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA

Yet 70% of Americans would want to know early if they have Alzheimer's disease if it could allow for earlier treatment.

97% of primary care physicians (PCPs) report waiting for patients to make them aware of symptoms or request an assessment.

99% of PCPs refer patients to specialists when they detect cognitive impairment.

Only 40% of Americans would talk to their doctor right away if experiencing early memory or cognitive loss.

93% of older adults believe cognitive changes are a part of normal aging.

More than half of PCPs feel there is a shortage of specialists in their area; this is particularly evident in rural places.

PCPs place the most trust for Alzheimer's diagnosis in neurologists (79%) and geriatricians (68%).

20 U.S. states are considered “dementia neurology deserts” – places that are projected to have fewer than 10 neurologists available per 10,000 people in 2025.

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