HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030 DEMENTIA OBJECTIVE DIA-1

Increase the proportion of adults aged 65 and older with diagnosed Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, or their caregiver, who are aware of the diagnosis.

In 2013-2015, 59.7% of adults aged 65 and older diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and other dementias, or their caregiver, were aware of their diagnosis.

Healthy People 2030 has set a goal of increasing this percentage by 9% to 65.1%.

Excluding caregivers, less than one-third of seniors diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and other dementias are aware of their diagnosis.

Older individuals with dementia are more likely than younger individuals with dementia to have their diagnosis disclosed to them.

Note on Previously Reported Data:
In 2010, the originally-reported baseline data for this objective was significantly lower due to a difference in the methodology used in calculating the data. As a result, the higher numbers here should not be interpreted as an improvement in diagnosis disclosure. In fact, using only the new methodology, the percentage of people aware of their dementia diagnosis has actually declined from 62.0% in 2007-2009 to 59.7% in 2013-2015.