BUILDING BETTER OUTCOMES, TOGETHER
More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s and the overwhelming majority are being diagnosed by providers who are not dementia specialists. As a leader in dementia care and a trusted resource, the Alzheimer’s Association® is uniquely positioned to partner with your health system for better outcomes for all those affected. Our work is twofold: to support providers with strategies to ensure early detection and quality care for people living with dementia, while also working to understand the needs of providers so we can help them meet the complex care needs of individuals and families.

SYSTEMS CHANGE SERVICES
From improving detection and diagnosis to enhancing clinical capabilities around care planning and disease management, Alzheimer’s Association staff can work with you to recommend and implement policy changes at the system or practice level.

Through these policy changes, the Association can help you address the unique challenges of your health system, primary care practice or organization to:

- Optimize your team’s roles and workflows
- Empower your clinicians with training, resources and support
- Improve quality of care and potentially reduce costs

Together, we can improve how Alzheimer’s and all other dementia are addressed in clinical practice.

THE ALZHEIMER’S CRISIS
Alzheimer’s is the most expensive disease in the United States. By 2050, total payments for caring for Americans age 65 and older with Alzheimer’s or other dementias could rise as high as $1.1 trillion.

Alzheimer’s adds to the difficulty and cost of managing care for adults, resulting in more expensive hospitalizations, additional emergency department visits and complicated management of other conditions.

Although the vast majority of primary care physicians (94%) say it is important to assess all seniors for cognitive impairment, they only report assessing, on average, just half (50%) of their patients.