

The Memory & Aging Program of Butler Hospital is dedicated to developing new treatments that improve the quality of life for patients and families dealing with memory loss.

The Memory & Aging Program was founded in 1997 with a goal of assisting individuals with memory loss and their families. Stephen Salloway, MD is the Program Director and Paul Malloy, PhD is the Co-Director.

Our Team consists of neurologists, neuropsychologists, psychiatrists, and nurses. We are located on the campus of Butler Hospital in Providence, RI and affiliated with the Brown Medical School.



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Alzheimer's Disease

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What is Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a specific type of dementia. It is a progressive, degenerative disease that causes slow decline of nerve cells in the brain. Individuals with Alzheimer's disease experience progressive and irreversible loss in thinking abilities, including language and memory. Changes are also witnessed in mood, personality, sleep-wake cycles, and behavior. In AD nerve cells involved in learning and short-term memory are affected early which is the reason memory loss is an early symptom of Alzheimer's disease.



How is AD diagnosed?

AD is diagnosed by an evaluation that includes neurology, physical, and neuropsychological evaluations, including laboratory tests, and a review of the patient's past medical and family history and medications that the patient is currently taking. A CT or MRI scan can also be ordered to help rule out other causes.

Why is an evaluation important?

An evaluation for Alzheimer's disease offers information about the nature and severity of symptoms. This is important in order to create an appropriate treatment plan. Patients are followed periodically to help monitor their symptoms.

Are Treatments Available?

Currently, there are no treatments to cure or prevent AD. However, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved medications that help people retain their memory longer.

Alzheimer's disease is a major research focus. By studying AD, we hope to find new ways to treat it. Treatments are being tested in clinical trials and non-pharmacologic studies.

How do I get more information?

To schedule an evaluation in our Memory Clinic please call **401-455-6403**.

To learn more about our research projects call **401-455-6402**.

Visit us on the web at www.memorydisorder.org.

All inquiries are confidential.

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