

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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# Memory & Aging Program

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## Memory & Clinic

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## What are memory disorders?

Everyone experiences some decline in memory ability, with age. Some people, however, have more significant memory loss that interferes with their ability to carry out normal daily activities.

Dementia is a serious form of memory loss and impairment in daily functioning. People with dementia often display changes in their personality and behavior.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia. Over 100,000 people in Rhode Island have Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, large numbers of people have dementia due to other causes. It is important to note, however, that not everyone who has memory problems has dementia.



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## Are memory disorders treatable?

Currently, there are no treatments to cure or prevent Alzheimer's disease. However, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved medications that help people retain their memory longer. Our program uses these medications and is also studying new treatments to prevent memory loss and improve the symptoms of dementia. Studies are currently ongoing for Alzheimer's disease, mild memory loss, and memory loss due to stroke. Dementia has a major impact on caregivers and we are developing new methods for helping caregivers cope. The program is also developing new MRI and genetic techniques as well as improving memory tests used in diagnosing dementia.

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## How are memory disorders diagnosed?

Memory disorders are diagnosed by an evaluation that includes a 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 is also ordered to help rule out other causes.

## 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](http://www.memorydisorder.org).

All inquiries are confidential.

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