



Early Alzheimer's Disease Project Overview

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NEWDIGS Alzheimer's Disease Project

Transforming early Alzheimer's disease care

Turning biomedical breakthroughs into patient benefit—at scale

The opportunity

Scientific progress is rapidly transforming the landscape for Alzheimer's disease. Advances in disease-modifying therapies, diagnostics, biomarkers, and digital tools are making earlier detection and intervention increasingly possible.

Yet realizing the full value of these innovations requires significant changes across care delivery, diagnostics infrastructure, workforce capacity, payment models, and system coordination.

Without those changes, many patients who could benefit from emerging therapies face barriers to timely diagnosis, treatment access, and ongoing care.

The **NEWDIGS Alzheimer's Disease Project** examines this challenge:

How must the healthcare system evolve to ensure that treatment-eligible patients can access emerging Alzheimer's therapies and diagnostics?

Through the NEWDIGS consortium, leaders from across the healthcare ecosystem—including **provider systems, clinicians, payers, industry, research, policy, and patient advocacy**—collaborated to examine how early Alzheimer's care could be delivered **reliably and equitably at scale**.

Key strategic insights

The work surfaced several system realities:

- The **healthcare ecosystem is not yet ready for the science** emerging in Alzheimer's disease.
 - Reliance on dementia **specialists alone cannot meet projected patient demand**.
 - **Primary care will need to play a much larger role** in early detection, triage, and ongoing care.
 - Progress will require **coordinated action across multiple stakeholders**, not isolated initiatives.
 - Implementation must be **adaptive and context-specific**, reflecting the diversity of provider systems.
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Roadmap to 2030

The project's central output is a **Roadmap to 2030 for Transforming Early Alzheimer's Disease Care**.

The Roadmap is **not a prescriptive blueprint**. Instead, it provides a **living portfolio of tools and analyses** that stakeholders can use to design and implement solutions suited to their local context and evolving system capabilities.

The Roadmap portfolio includes:

- **Executive briefings** summarizing system challenges and priority actions
- **Peer-reviewed research** examining system changes required to enable primary-care-centered Alzheimer's detection and care
- **Issue briefs** exploring key implementation challenges
- An **interactive dynamic scenario planning tool** that allows stakeholders to evaluate implementation strategies and system impacts

Together, these resources support a more coordinated approach to transforming Alzheimer's care over the coming decade.

A broader insight

The Alzheimer's project highlights a broader challenge facing modern healthcare.

Biomedical System Readiness is the capability of healthcare ecosystems to **repeatedly translate biomedical innovation into timely, reliable, and equitable patient benefit at scale**.

Alzheimer's disease provides an early illustration of this challenge. Rapid advances in science are creating new possibilities for patients while revealing the system capabilities required to deliver those innovations effectively.

Lessons from this work may therefore extend well beyond Alzheimer's disease, informing how healthcare ecosystems prepare for future waves of biomedical innovation.
