

Alzheimers Disease

Title	Additional Information
Alzheimers Disease Primarily Affects 65+	Current cost to Canadian Society - 15 Billion \$, expected to increase to 153 billion by 2038. # of people expected to increase to 1,125,000. Expect increase in those 65+ with AD living at home from 55% to 62%. Increase in demand on informal and community care. In Canada, more women than men have AD but don't know why. 50% live with dementia for all least a year before diagnosis. Globally a new case is reported on average every 4 seconds.
Strategy(s)	Prevention - Increase Physical Activity & Introduce programs to delay onset, Support - caregiver development and support programs and improve system navigation. Canada has no National Plan or strategy. There is no formal obligation on the part of the provincial territorial gov'ts to provide a minimum basket of home care services as home care and LTC are not covered by the Canada Health Act. It is jurisdictional, mostly responsibility of province or territories so services and programs vary widely. Much of home care service is coordinated through the municipalities. Dealing with the health care needs and costs of a rapidly increasing number of citizens with dementia requires a coordinated effort now. International: Australia, Norway, the Netherlands, France, Scotland and U.K. have all recently developed specific plans or frameworks for dealing with dementia. Increased integration of health and social programs, more home based programs, adapting care facilities to better meet needs of residents with dementia, provide education programs for people with dementia, their families, health professionals and the public. Invested more in research.
Care Giving	Rising Tide report says expect increase in those 65+ with AD living at home from 55% to 62%. Increase in demand on informal and community care.
Canadian Study of Health & Aging	Rising Tide Report estimates that 1,125,000 will have AD or ARD by 3038 - 2.8% of population.