



# Alliance to Improve Dementia Care

Convened by the Future of Aging team at the Milken Institute

Dementia care is complex and costly. [Research by the Milken Institute](#) finds that the direct costs of treating Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) in the United States will exceed \$1 trillion within the next 30 years as the proportion of older adults continues to rise. Unless, however, we develop better diagnostic tools and new treatments and change how dementia care is delivered.

To address this growing public health crisis, the [Alliance to Improve Dementia Care was launched](#) in 2020. Since then, the Future of Aging team has engaged **more than 100 experts in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to transform and improve the fragmented health- and long-term-care systems** that people at risk for and living with dementia and their caregivers must navigate. The Alliance aims to reduce health and economic inequities in dementia care, build a dementia-capable system and workforce, and advance comprehensive dementia-care models.

## Defining the Needs

### Improve Outcomes

A dementia-capable workforce can improve outcomes by identifying high-risk individuals, facilitating [timely detection and diagnosis](#), and supporting personalized treatments and supports.

### Support Caregivers

Caregivers for people living with dementia need to be part of interprofessional care teams and have access to supportive services and community resources to help [navigate the care journey](#).

### Reduce Costs

Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in the US and the sixth leading cause of death, creating urgency for prevention, innovative payment, and [comprehensive dementia-care models](#).

### Narrow Disparities

Prioritizing [health equity](#) will help reduce wide disparities in dementia prevention, detection, diagnosis, and care.

## Strategies to Accomplish Our Goals

**Convene diverse organizations:** Partner with leaders from health systems, industry, research, advocacy, community-based organizations, philanthropy, and government, as well as people with lived experience.

**Identify gaps in care:** Mobilize cross-sector leaders to create solutions and amplify innovations to address gaps in information resources, care delivery, and support services.

**Collaborate with policymakers:** Work with federal, state, and local advisory boards, agency leaders, and elected officials to overcome long-standing care and financing barriers and advance scalable solutions.

**Propose policy and systems solutions:** Develop and promote policies and practices that build a dementia-capable workforce across the care continuum and advance comprehensive dementia-care models that align care preferences and payment incentives.

## Member Benefits

- Engage cross-sector stakeholders and raise organization-specific topics during monthly virtual all-member meetings, in-person convenings, and invitation-only events to facilitate an open exchange of ideas and actionable solutions.
- Contribute thought leadership through speaking opportunities, working group membership, private roundtable discussions, and publications to develop recommendations, resources, and toolkits.
- Create new relationships and collaborate with influential public-, private-, and nonprofit-sector organizations.
- Receive recognition as a member of the Alliance on the Milken Institute website.
- Access live-streamed content from Milken Institute signature events, including Global Conference, Future of Health Summit, Asia Summit, and Middle East and Africa Summit.

### Process

Invitation-only

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