

NATIONAL NEWS UPDATE Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

In January, the CMS proposed to cover FDA approved **MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES** directed against amyloid for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease under their "Coverage with Evidence Development" program. This proposal will be finalized in April, but if it holds, CMS will pay for the drugs only in the setting of approved randomized controlled trials conducted in a hospital-based outpatient setting.

We will keep you updated on the CMS decision after it is announced in April including how it might affect the use of these drugs in practice for the short and long term.

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WHAT IS THE COGNITIVE CARE NETWORK (CCN)?

A KU ADRC partnership program to advance early detection and patient empowerment through education and navigator support to providers, patients, and care partners who are experiencing a cognitive impairment.

REFERRING TO RESEARCH AT THE KU ADRC::

We have studies for patients with:

- Normal cognition
- Mild cognitive impairment
- Alzheimer's disease
- Frontotemporal dementia

REFERRING TO THE KU ADRC BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAMS::

- Research participation
- Outpatient clinical memory assessment and care
- LEAP! Lifestyle Empowerment for Alzheimer's Prevention Course
- Support groups



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/ STARTING BACK UP 4/1/2022!

To receive an email invitation, contact Kristi Day at kday2@kumc.edu



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EDUCATION / Dr. Shaw leads the Clinical Cohort and African American community education program Aging with Grace, which is designed to empower the community with evidence-based health education, resources, and opportunities to reduce the risk of developing dementia.



RESEARCH INTERESTS /

- Racial / Ethnic Health Disparities in Alzheimer's disease
- Recruitment and retention of older minority adults
- Dementia prevention through culturally tailored lifestyle interventions

STUDY SPOTLIGHT / COMET STUDY



Researchers at the KU ADRC are studying exercise as a way of improving brain health in older adults. Patients who enroll in the study will receive a **gym membership**, a **personal trainer**, and **compensation of up to \$500**.

THE COMET STUDY IS LOOKING TO LEARN WHETHER ONE YEAR OF EXERCISE CAN IMPROVE MEMORY AND THINKING.

The COMET study is currently enrolling patients who:



- Are under active and between ages 65-80
- Cognitively normal and generally in good health
- Are able to walk with no pain or assistive devices
- Have medical clearance from you to exercise
- Are able to speak and read English conversantly

/ PATIENTS CAN LEARN MORE and complete an online application at bit.ly/CometStudy



Interested in **ONGOING INVESTIGATIONAL MEDICINE TRIALS** for the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's and other dementias?
We have them!



The KU ADRC has partnered with the KU School of Medicine-Wichita Center for Clinical Research, to support the recruitment of the ACCORD study.

If you care for someone with Alzheimer's and they have been experiencing symptoms of agitation and disruptive behavior which has made caring for them even more difficult, the ACCORD study may be an option.

The ACCORD study is seeking to recruit people who are:

- Age 65-90
- Diagnosed with Alzheimer's
- Currently exhibiting agitation, aggression, or irritability
- Have a dedicated caregiver

*Additional eligibility criteria apply

/ TO LEARN MORE visit accord-study.com



GAP BIO-HERMES STUDY

The Bio-Hermes study at the KU ADRC is currently enrolling older adults with MCI / AD. This study is investigating the relationship between different biomarkers of Alzheimer's to identify less expensive and more accessible tests for brain amyloid, and offers a **FREE AMYLOID PET SCAN** with disclosure of results to the patient.

Your patients may qualify for the BIO-HERMES study at our site if they are:

- Age 60-85
- Have MCI or AD
- Have a study partner

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Questions about research, the Cognitive Care Network, study information or materials, contact: **KELSEY STRUBE** Provider Engagement Coordinator | 913.588.4188 | kstrube@kumc.edu

We are a comprehensive Alzheimer's Disease Research Center located in Fairway, KS, with groundbreaking research opportunities, social work support and direct clinical care.

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Dementia Update Course **BEST PRACTICES IN SCREENING, DIAGNOSING, AND TREATING VARIOUS DEMENTIAS**

The goal of this education program is to support primary care health care providers and professionals with up to date diagnostic and management information.

FOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE::

MARCH 25 VIRTUAL

Register: eeds.com/live/619218

Deadline: **MARCH 23 at 5 PM**

JULY 15 VIRTUAL

Register: eeds.com/live/290382

Deadline: **July 13 at 5 PM**

AUGUST 26 LIVE Pittsburg State University

Register: eeds.com/live/153092

Deadline: **August 23 at 5 PM**

SEPTEMBER 9 VIRTUAL

Register: eeds.com/live/898714

Deadline: **September 7 at 5 PM**

SPEAKERS::



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Your English and Spanish speaking patients may qualify for a comprehensive memory evaluation as a part of a research study.

Refer to **RESEARCH** and mention the **CLINICAL COHORT**.

Patients may have the opportunity to receive a personalized biomarker report!



Listen as **Dr. Ryan Townley** from the KU ADRC talks with **Dr. Therese Markow** on the **CRITICALLY SPEAKING PODCAST** about Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Drug Trials. / TO LISTEN scan the code