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# About the ADEAR Center

## Who We Are

The U.S. Congress created the Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center in 1990 to "compile, archive, and disseminate information concerning Alzheimer's disease" for health professionals, people with AD and their families, and the public. Reflecting its expanding focus on related dementias, the ADEAR Center updated our name to "Alzheimer's and related Dementias Education and Referral Center" (still known as ADEAR) in 2016.

The ADEAR Center is a service of the [National Institute on Aging](#) (NIA), one of the Federal Government's [National Institutes of Health](#) and part of the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#). The NIA conducts and supports research about health issues for older people, and is the primary Federal agency for Alzheimer's disease research.

As a public, U.S. Government-funded resource, the ADEAR Center strives to be a current, comprehensive, unbiased source of information about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. All our information and materials about the search for causes, treatment, cures, and better diagnostic tools are carefully researched and thoroughly reviewed by NIA scientists and health communicators for accuracy and integrity.

Individuals and organizations can make donations to the National Institute on Aging to be used specifically for Alzheimer's disease research and educational activities. For more information about how and where to send donations, please see our [web page on donations](#).

## Our Services

The ADEAR Center has a staff of Information Specialists available to assist you with:

- Answers to your specific questions about AD
- Free [publications](#) about Alzheimer's and related dementias symptoms, diagnosis, related disorders, risk factors, treatment, caregiving tips, home safety tips, and research
- Referrals to local supportive services and [Research Centers](#) that specialize in research and diagnosis
- [Spanish language](#) resources
- [Clinical trials](#) information
- Training materials, guidelines, and news updates

## How to Contact the ADEAR Center

Call at 800-438-4380

(8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday - Friday)

Send an e-mail to: [adear@nia.nih.gov](mailto:adear@nia.nih.gov).

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