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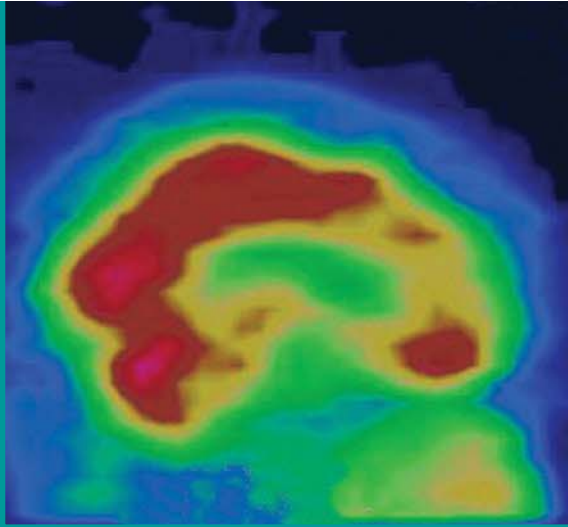
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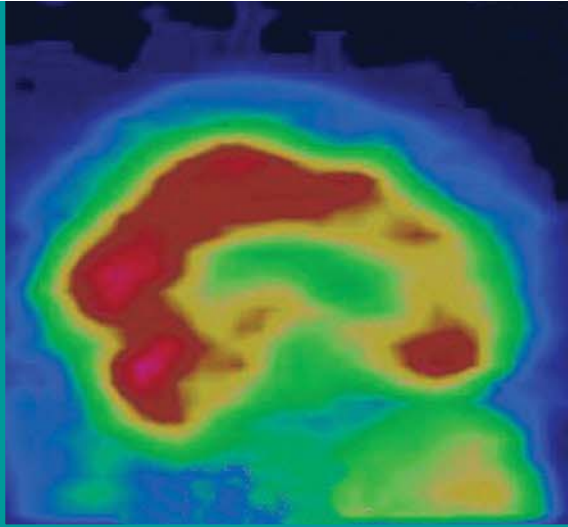
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# Introduction and Symposium Goals



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# Learning Objectives

- Identify signs and symptoms of dementia in patients to ensure early diagnosis
- Implement early and effective strategies for improved care in the long-term facility
- Understand improved outcomes in dementia management related to patient quality of life, caregiver burden, and cost
- Translate information presented into practical application in their facility

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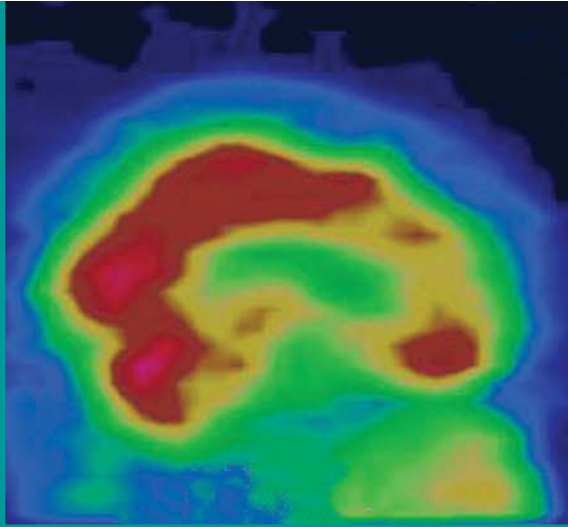
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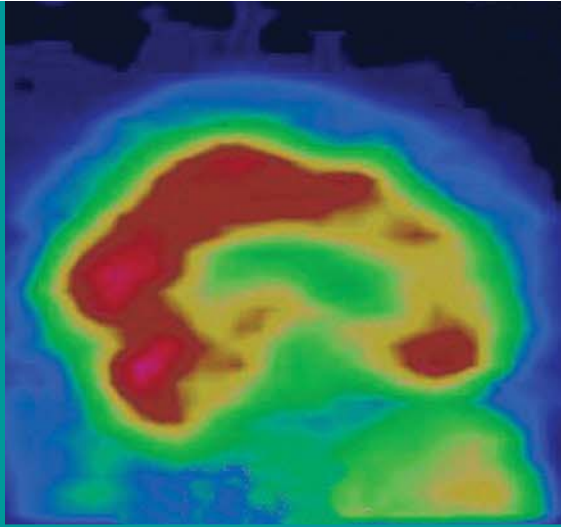
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## **Dementia in the Long-Term Care Facility: Identifying the Signs and Symptoms for Early Diagnosis**



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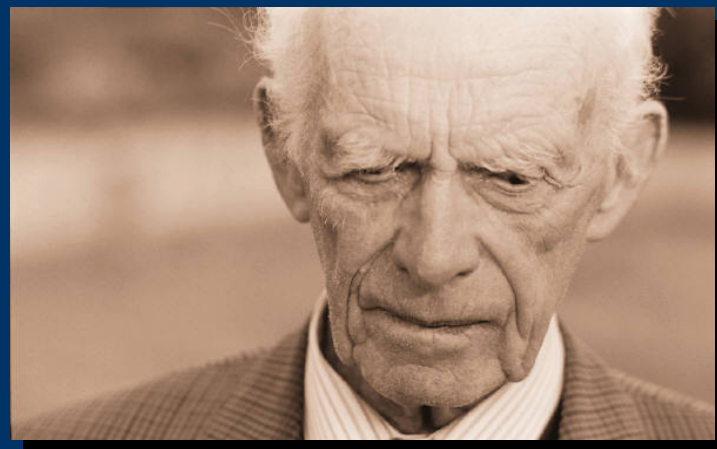


# Dementia Defined

- Decline of cognitive capacity (memory language, judgment, etc)
- Multiple areas of cognition impaired (global)
- Occurs in a normal level of consciousness (absence of delirium)

# Dementia Statistics

- Very common, affecting at least 4 to 5 million Americans
- By 2050, 12 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease (the most common cause of dementia)



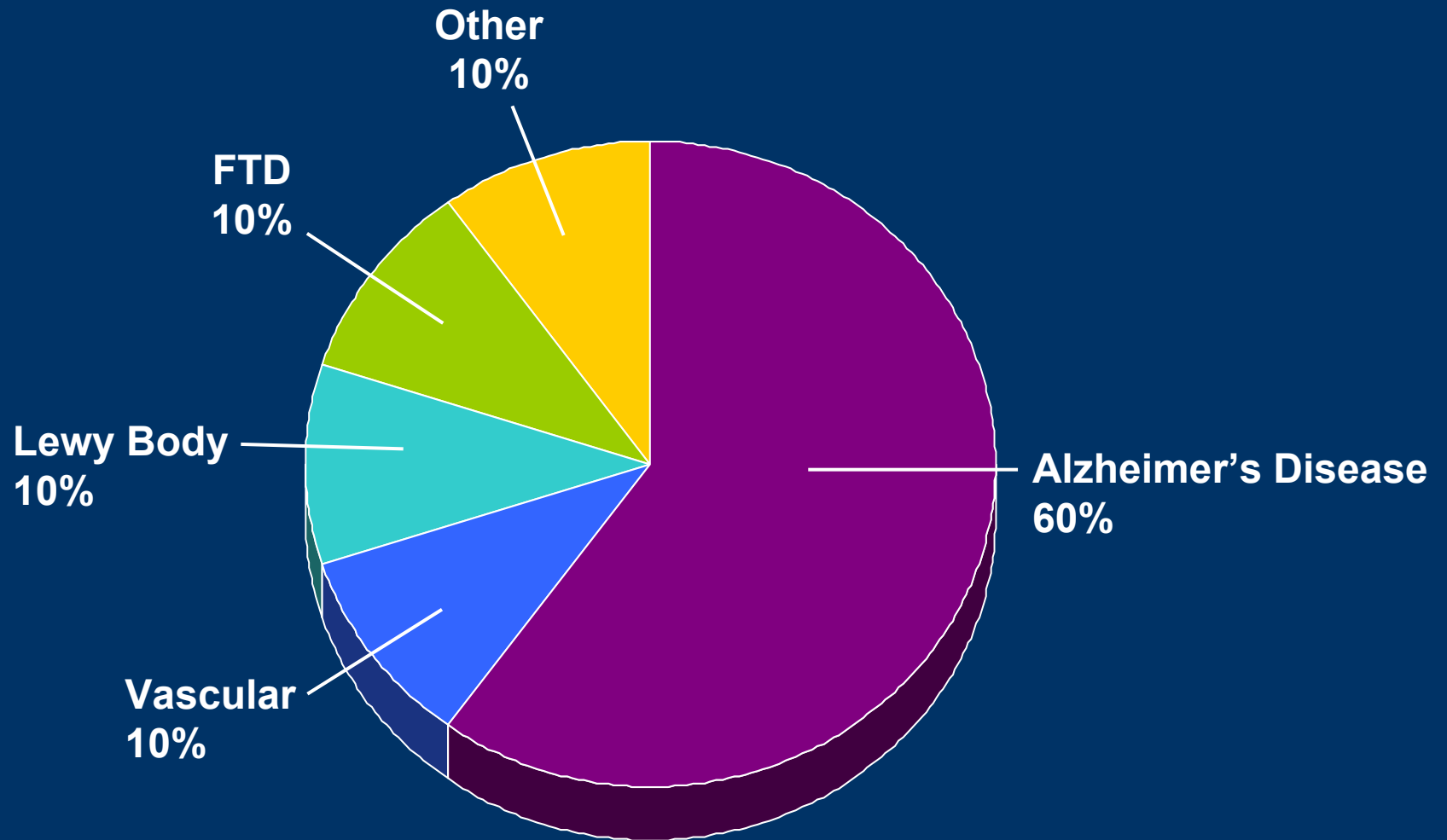
# Dementia in Long-Term Care (LTC)

- 70% to 80% LTC residents have symptoms consistent with dementia
- However, only 50% to 65% of LTC residents are actually diagnosed with dementia





# Common Causes of Dementia



FTD=frontotemporal dementia.

# Common Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease

- Amnesia (memory loss)
- Aphasia (language impairment)
- Apraxia (impairment in learned motor skills)
- Agnosia (loss of ability to recognize familiar people, objects, etc)
- Impairment in executive functioning

# Recognizing the Common Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

- Memory loss
- Difficulty performing familiar tasks
- Trouble finding words
- Problems naming common objects
- Substituting words
- Disorientation to time and place
- Misplacing or losing things a lot
- Trouble solving everyday problems
- Getting lost easily
- Impaired judgment
- Loss of initiative
- Changes in mood, personality, or behavior

# Why Is It Important to Diagnose Dementia in LTC?

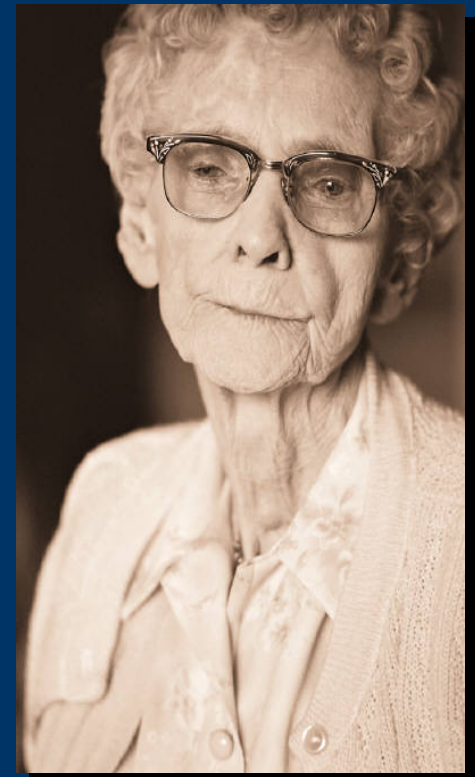
- Dementia is *not* a normal part of aging
- Increased costs of caring for residents with dementia (financial and emotional)





# Why Is It Important to Diagnose Dementia in LTC?

- Gives caregivers (family/staff) an opportunity to adapt methods of communication and care
- Treatment of cognitive/functional symptoms and mood/behavioral symptoms may ultimately affect a resident's quality of life



# Screening for Dementia in LTC

- Assessment tools are helpful for screening, but are not diagnostic
- In order to diagnose dementia, residents should be referred for a comprehensive evaluation with their primary health care provider or a specialist (physician, nurse practitioner, neurologist, geriatric psychiatrist)

# Common Methods of Screening for Dementia in Long Term Care

- Mini-Mental Status Examination (MMSE)
- Clock Drawing Test
- Items from the Minimum Data Set (MDS)



# Dementia Screening: Mini Mental Status Examination

- Brief, structured
- Scores range from 0-30
- Limited by ceiling and floor effect
- Assesses:
  - orientation
  - registration
  - attention
  - recall
  - language/comprehension
  - praxis





# Dementia Screening: Clock Drawing Test

- May help to detect deficits in cognition, such as attention, executive functioning, and visual spatial deficits
- Brief (1-5 minutes)
- Minimal language requirement

# Screening for Dementia: MDS

- Data that is already required to be collected in the nursing homes
- Relevant sections for dementia screening include:
  - cognitive patterns
  - communication
  - behavioral symptoms
  - physical function

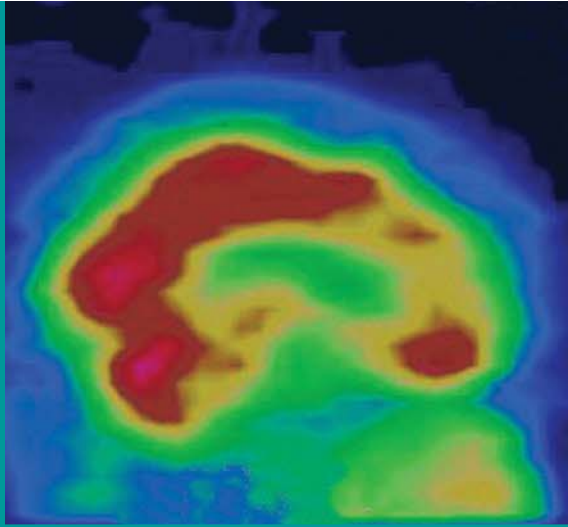
# Screening for Dementia: Cognitive Performance Scale (CPS)

CPS is generated from 5 MDS items:

1. Comatose status
2. Short-term memory (the ability to recall information after 5 minutes)
3. Daily decision making (the ability to make everyday decisions about tasks or ADL)
4. Making self understood (able to communicate)
5. ADL self-performance in eating

# Why Is Recognition and Treatment of Dementia Important?

- Potential opportunity to:
  - Improve resident quality of life
  - Reduce or stabilize cognitive and/or functional decline
  - Reduce or stabilize behavioral deterioration
  - Decrease stress on caregiver/LTC staff



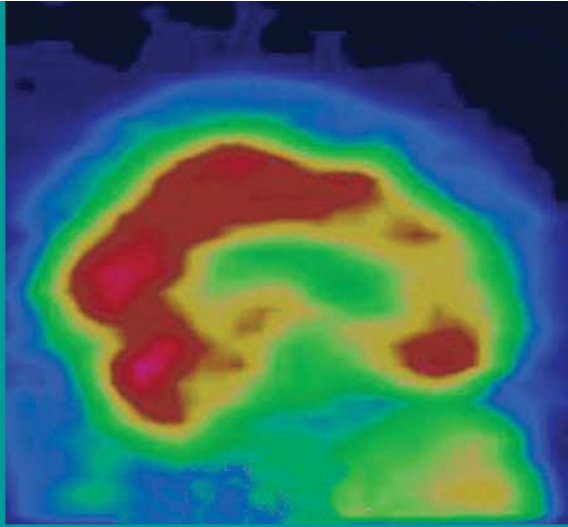
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# Dementia Treatment: Implementing Early and Effective Strategies for Improved Long-Term Care

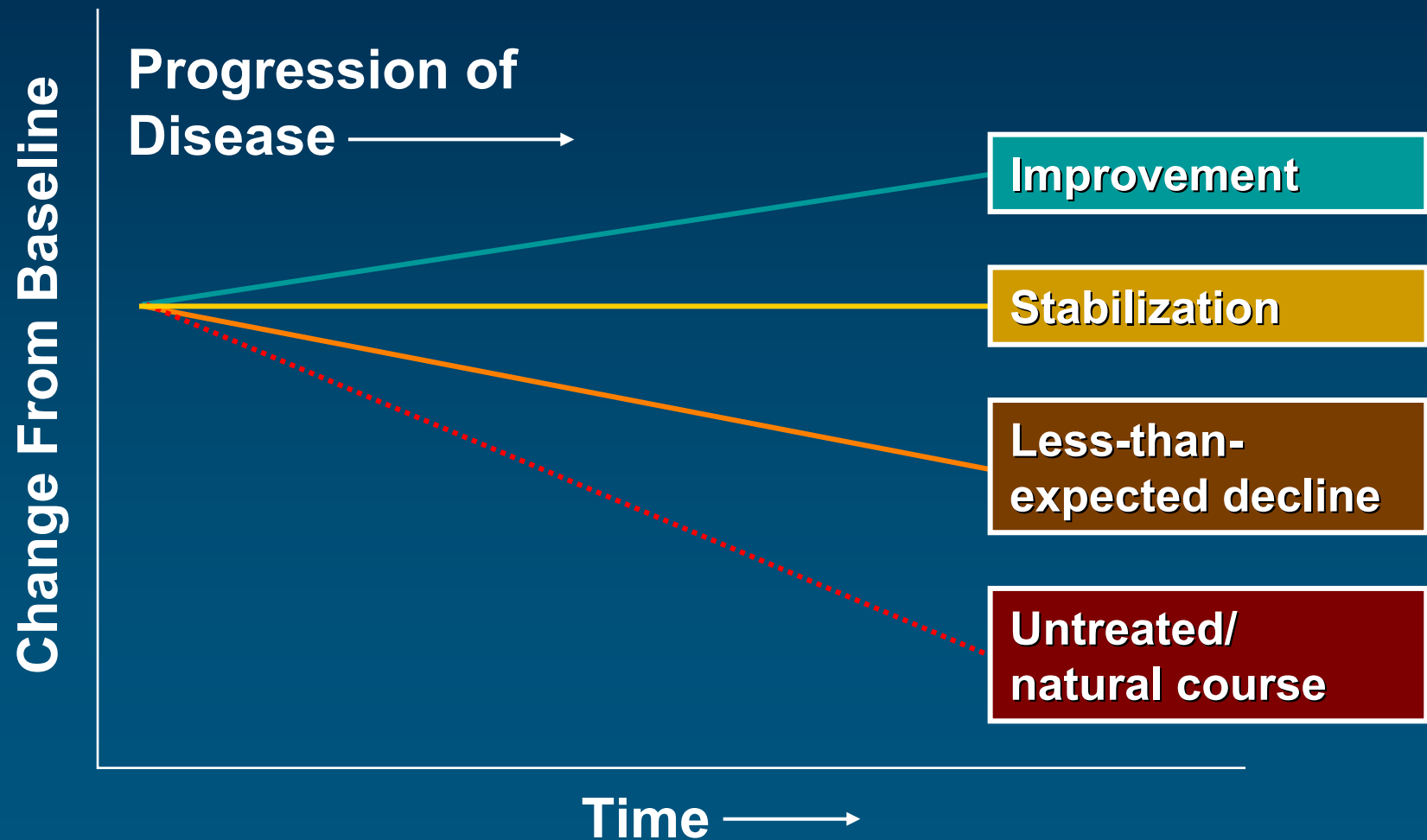


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# Pharmacologic Treatment Success in AD

Treatment success may currently be defined as:





# Benefits of Treating Disease Progression

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- Neurophysiologic pathways in patients with AD are still viable and are a target for treatment
- Opportunity to reduce:
  - functional decline
  - cognitive decline
  - behavioral symptoms
  - caregiver burden

# FDA-Approved Pharmacotherapy in Alzheimer's Disease

## Cholinesterase Inhibitors

- Donepezil
- Galantamine
- Rivastigmine
- Approved for use in *mild to moderate AD*

## N-Methyl-D-Aspartate–Receptor Antagonist

- Memantine
- Approved for use in *moderate to severe AD*

# Cholinesterase Inhibitors: Dosing Comparison

Characteristic	Donepezil	Rivastigmine	Galantamine
Doses per day	1	2	1
Initial dose (mg/d)	5	3	8
Dose escalation	4-6 weeks	Biweekly	4 weeks
Clinically effective dose (mg/d)	5	6-12	16-24
Given with food	With/without	Yes	Recommended

Aricept® (donepezil HCl) package insert. Pfizer Inc.

Razadyne® (rivastigmine tartrate) package insert. Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Inc.

Exelon® (galantamine HBr) package insert. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

# Cholinesterase Inhibitors: Adverse Effect Profile

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## Gastrointestinal

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- May result in anorexia and weight loss

## Cardiovascular

- Bradycardia, tremor, and dizziness
- May result in asthenia and fatigue

## Neuromuscular

- Muscle cramps and weakness
- May result in falls

## Central nervous system

- Insomnia, nightmares, agitation, and a panic-like state

# Potential Drug Interaction: Anticholinergics and Cholinesterase Inhibitors

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- Opposing actions of drugs on the cholinergic system in CNS
- Anticholinergic agents effectively deplete the brain of acetylcholine
- Need to have increased awareness ***especially in the setting of incontinence***

# Memantine: Suggested Dosing

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- **Titrate memantine to 20 mg/d (10 mg bid):**
  - **start with 5 mg qd (5→10→15→20 mg) over 4-week titration**
- **Decrease dose (to 5 mg bid) in patients with severe renal impairment (CLcr: 5 – 29 mL/min)**

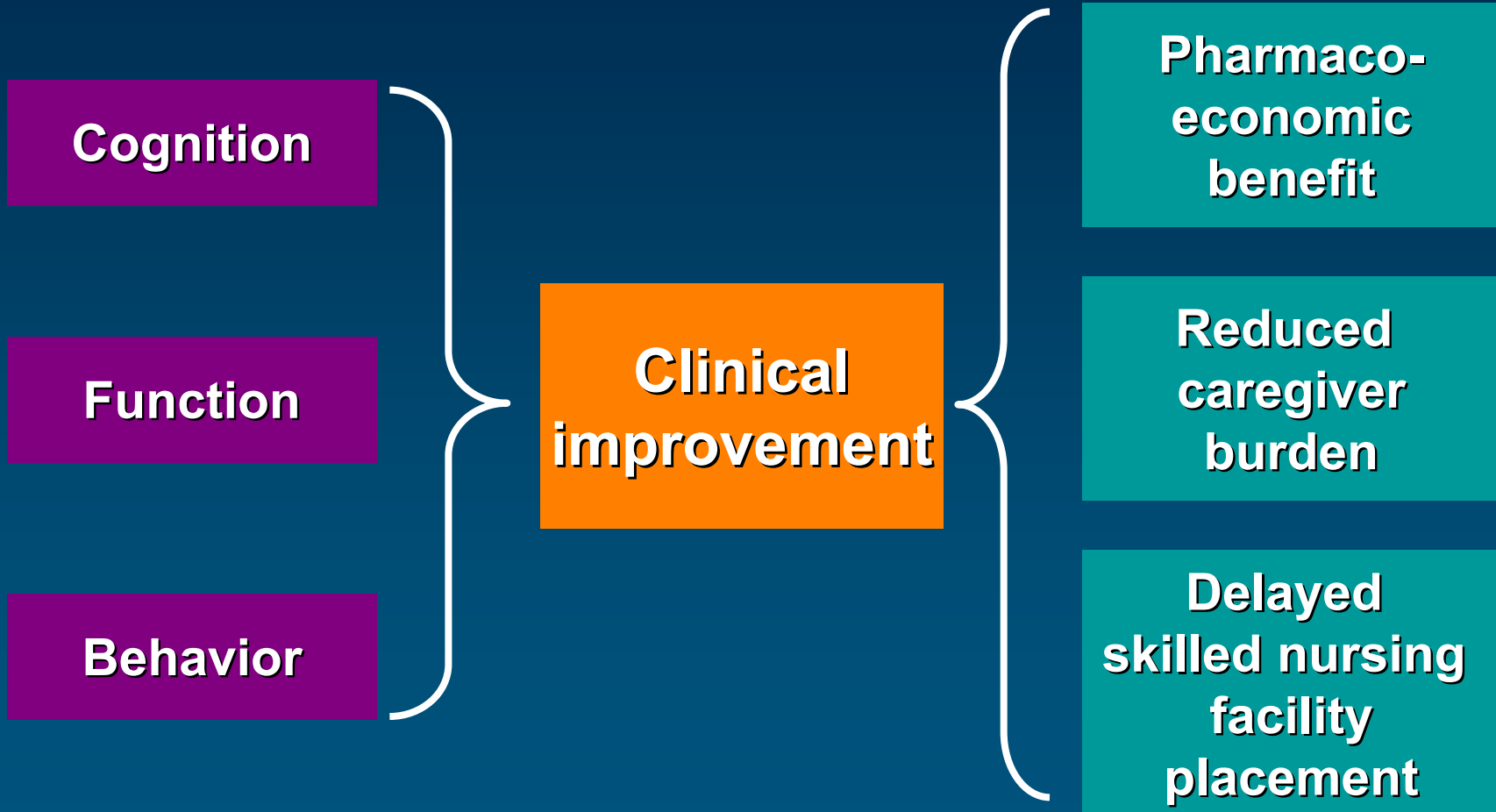
# Memantine: Adverse Events

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- No clinically relevant differences between memantine- and placebo-treated groups were observed in:
  - adverse event profile
    - Most common AEs reported with memantine vs placebo ( $\geq 5\%$  than placebo) were dizziness, confusion, headache, and constipation
  - vital signs
  - laboratory parameters
  - ECG values



# AChE Inhibitors: Domains of Efficacy



# Reduced Caregiver Time

	<b>Donepezil<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Galantamine<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Memantine<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Study Duration</b>	<b>24 weeks</b>	<b>52 weeks</b>	<b>28 weeks</b>
<b>Disease Severity</b>	<b>Moderate-Severe</b>	<b>Mild-Moderate</b>	<b>Moderate-Severe</b>
<b>Reduced Caregiver Time</b>	<b>52.4 min/d</b>	<b>60 min/d</b>	<b>92 min/d</b>

Note: Cholinesterase inhibitors are not indicated for treatment of severe AD.

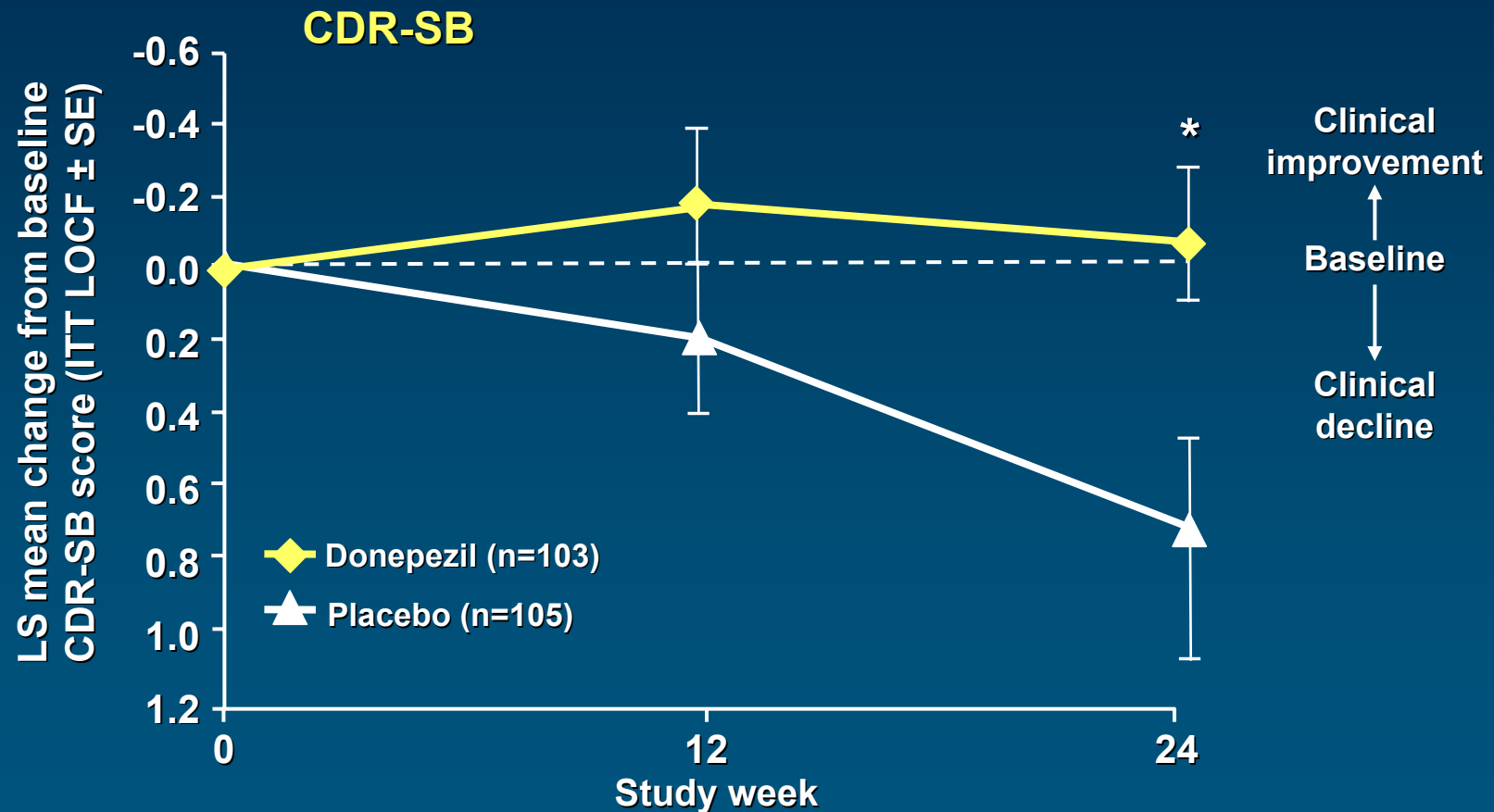
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2. Wilcock G, Lilienfeld S. Poster presented at: 7th International World Alzheimer Congress; July 9-18, 2000; Washington, DC.

3. Wimo A et al. *Pharmacoeconomics.* 2003;21:327-340.

# Donepezil Significantly Improved Global Function in Nursing Home Patients

## 24-Week Clinical Trial of Nursing Home Patients



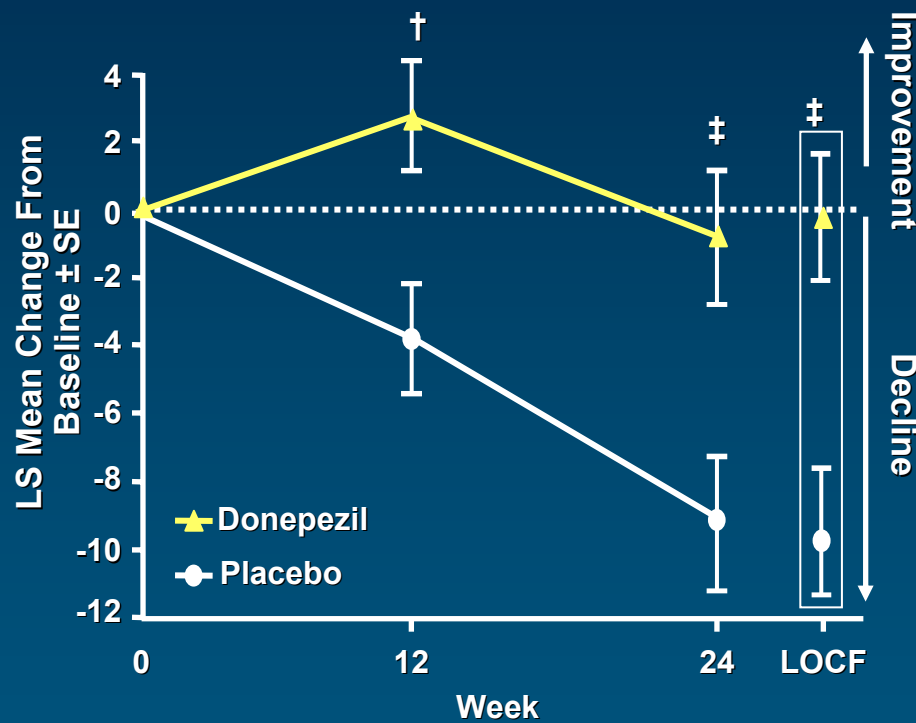
\* $P < 0.05$  compared with placebo.

CDR-SB=Clinical Dementia Rating-Sum of Boxes.

Tariot PN et al. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 2001;49:1590-1599.

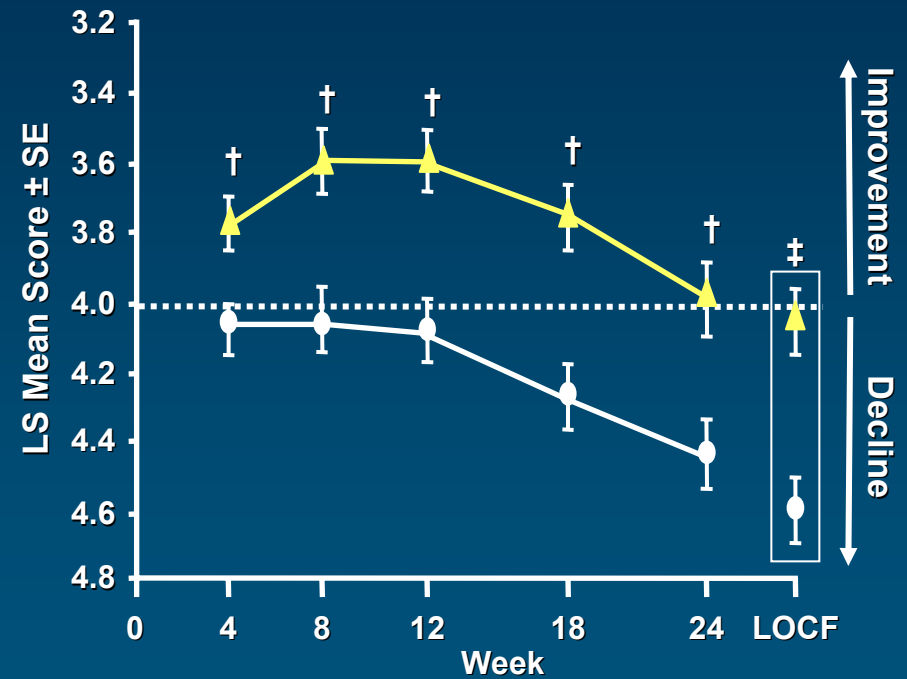
# Donepezil Monotherapy in Moderate to Severe AD\*: Efficacy

**Function: DAD**



n = 134	125	121	(134)
n = 140	129	126	(140)

**Global Change: CIBIC-Plus**



n = 133	115	125	120	120	(140)
n = 137	119	129	127	126	(146)

\*Cholinesterase inhibitors are not indicated for treatment of severe AD; †P<0.01; ‡P<0.001.

DAD = Disability Assessment in Dementia.

Feldman H et al. *Neurology*. 2001;57:613-620.

# Donepezil in Patients With Severe AD: Study Design

## Design

6-month, double-blind, parallel group, placebo-controlled study

## Population

248 patients with severe AD living in LTC facilities (Sweden)  
*(MMSE range, 1 - 10)*

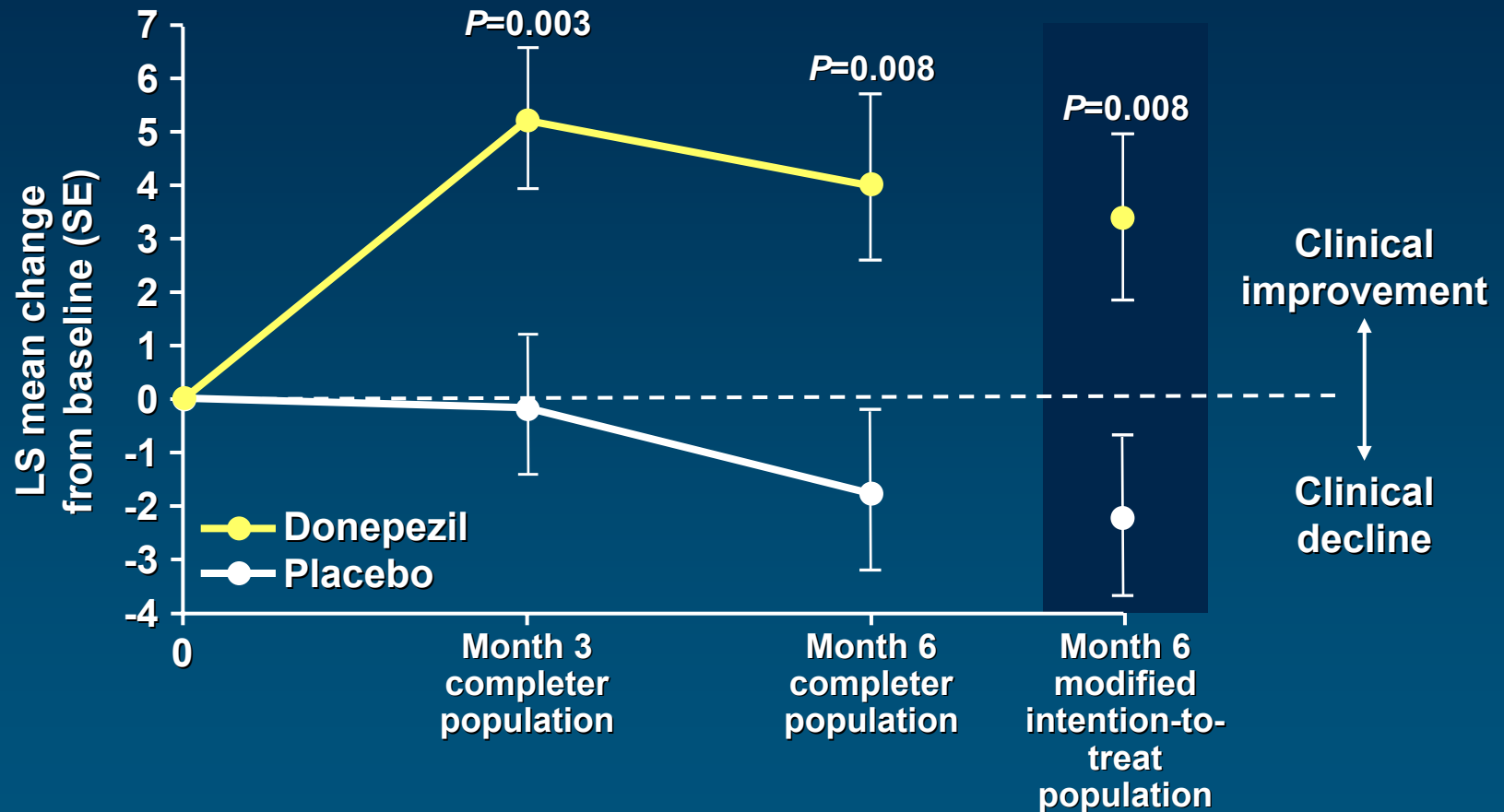
## Treatment

Donepezil 5 mg/d for 30 days then 10 mg/d (n=128)  
Matched placebo (n=120)

## Endpoints

Primary: SIB, ADCS-ADL-severe  
Secondary: MMSE, NPI, CGI-I

# Donepezil in Patients With Severe AD: SIB Results



Donepezil (n=109)

109

95

(109)

Placebo (n=107)

107

98

(107)

# Pivotal Trials: Memantine

<b>Study Design</b>	<b>Monotherapy in Moderate to Severe AD<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Combination Memantine and Donepezil<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Nursing Home Patients With Dementia<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Memantine dose</b>	<b>10 mg bid</b>	<b>10 mg bid (plus donepezil)</b>	<b>10 mg qd</b>
<b>Duration in weeks</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>MMSE range</b>	<b>3-14</b>	<b>5-14</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>
<b>Principal Efficacy Measures</b>			
<b>Global change</b>	<b>CIBIC-Plus</b>	<b>CIBIC-Plus</b>	<b>CGI-C</b>
<b>Cognition</b>	<b>SIB</b>	<b>SIB</b>	
<b>Function</b>	<b>ADCS-ADL<sub>19</sub></b>	<b>ADCS-ADL<sub>19</sub></b>	<b>BGP-Care</b>

1. Reisberg B et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2003;348:1333-1341.
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# Combination Therapy for AD?

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**Would memantine and ChEIs  
work together?**

# Memantine in Patients Receiving Ongoing Donepezil: Efficacy

## Design

US phase 3, multicenter (37), randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study

## Population

404 outpatients with moderate to severe AD on stable donepezil (MMSE range, 5-14)

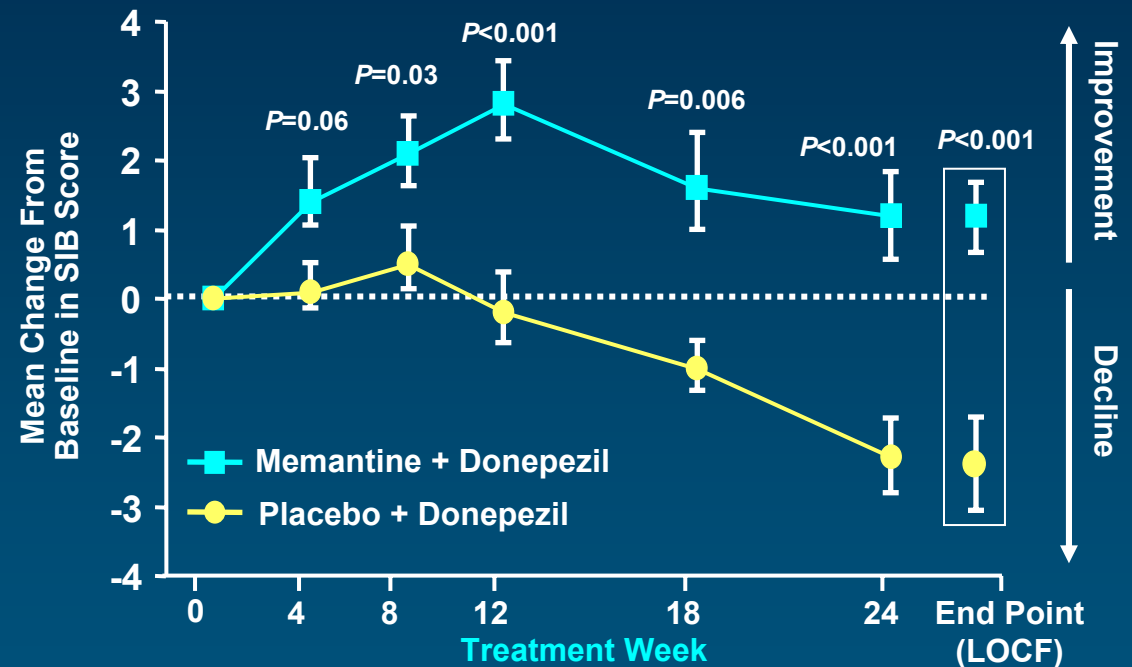
## Treatment

Memantine 20 mg/d (10 mg bid) 4-week titration (5→10→15→20 mg)

## Duration

24 weeks

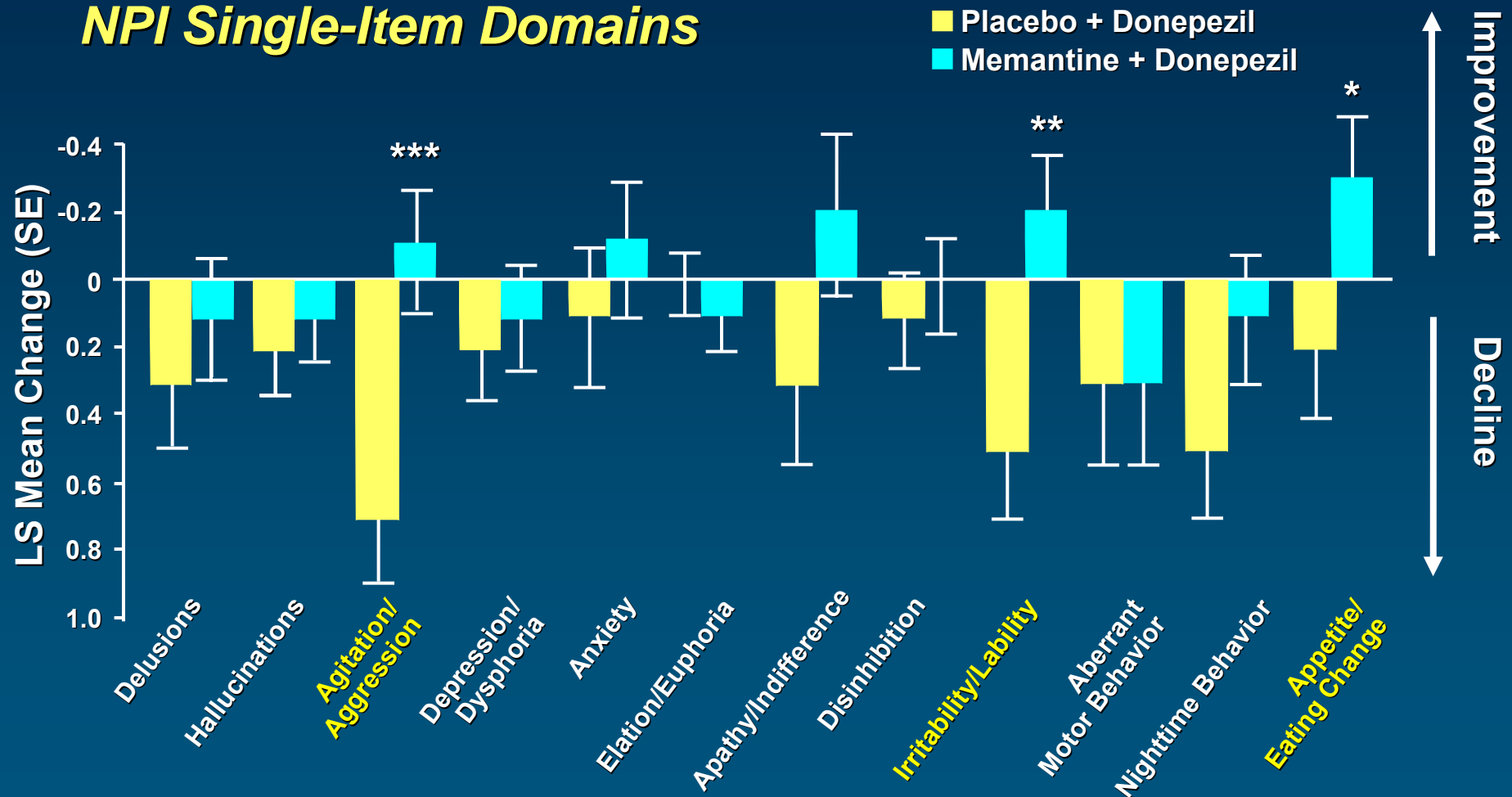
## Cognition—SIB



n =	198	197	190	185	181	171	198
n =	197	194	180	169	164	153	196

# Memantine in Patients Receiving Ongoing Donepezil: Behavior

## NPI Single-Item Domains



LOCF analysis; \* $P=0.045$ ; \*\* $P=0.005$ ; \*\*\* $P=0.001$ .

Cummings J et al. Presented at: 56th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology; April 24–May 1, 2004; San Francisco, Calif.

# Interventions for Dementia-Related Behavioral Symptoms

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## Nonpharmacologic

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- Remove trigger
- Caregiver/family education
- Caregiver support
- Increase staffing ratio
- Activity programs
- Adult day care

## Pharmacologic

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- Antidepressants
- Mood stabilizers
- Antipsychotics\*
- Cholinesterase inhibitors
- NMDA-receptor antagonist (memantine)

\*Public health advisory from FDA (April 2005): Clinical trials of antipsychotic drugs to treat behavioral disorders in elderly patients with dementia have shown a higher death rate compared to placebo. Specific causes of death were primarily due to heart-related events (eg, heart failure, sudden death) or infections (mostly pneumonia).

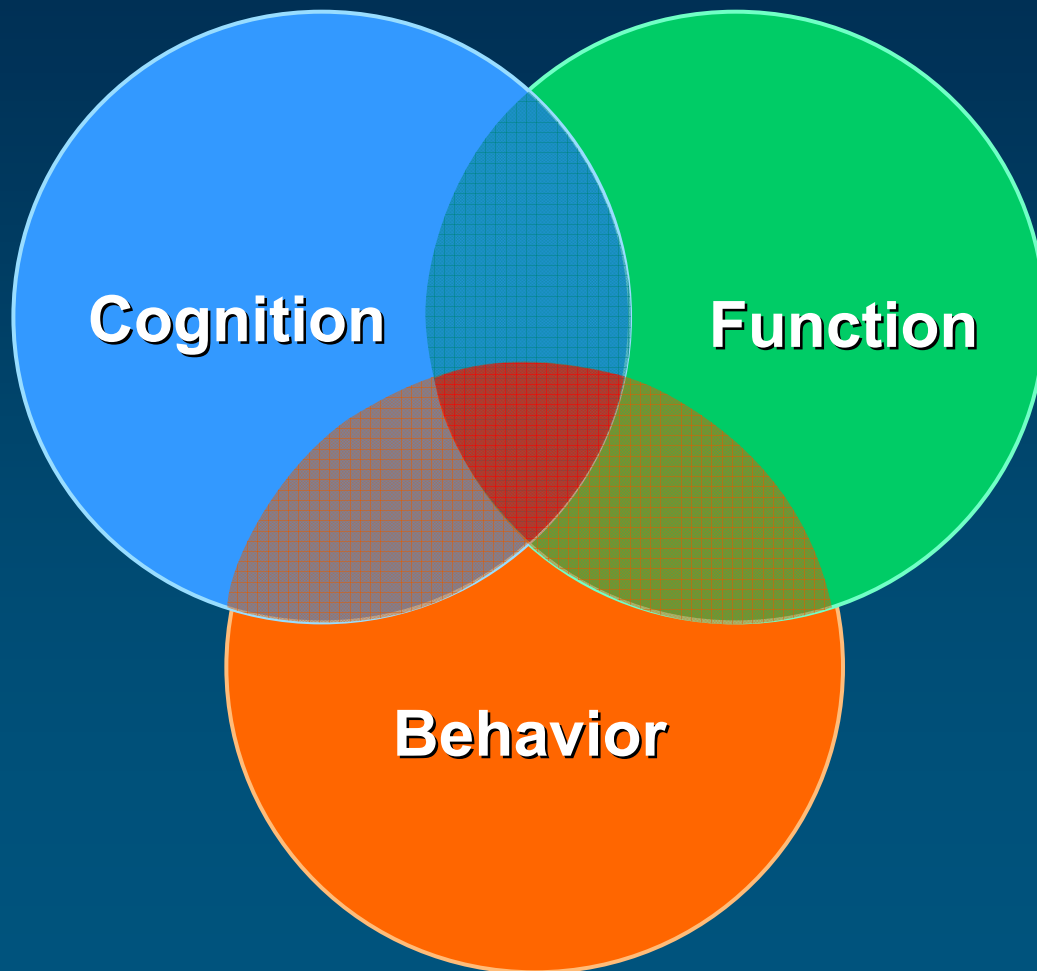
# Treatment Consideration: When to Stop?

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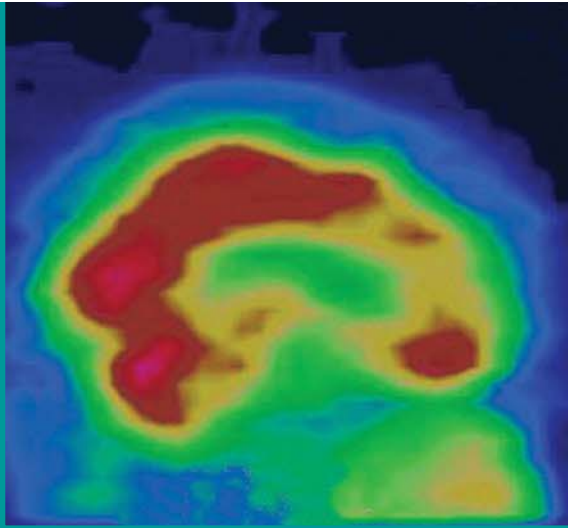
- **May not tolerate cholinergic side effects despite slow and careful escalation**
- **When medication is prescribed, give it time to work**
- **Studies suggest that most subjects benefit and that long-term treatment is useful**
- **May see some deterioration when medication is stopped, so slow taper and monitor**

# Is Drug Treatment Working?

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**Is the patient better,  
worse, or the same  
compared to the  
last assessment?**



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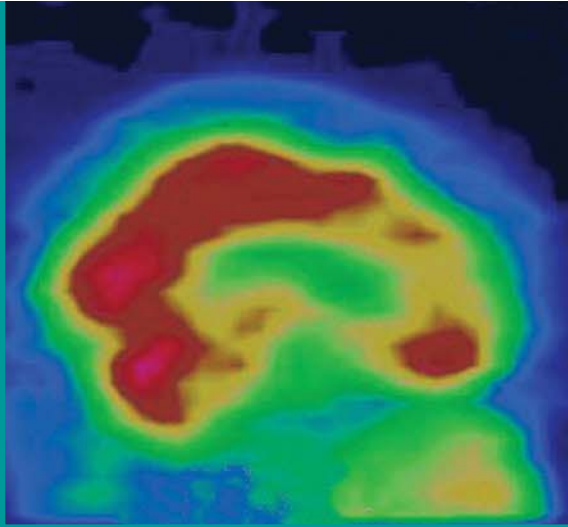
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# Defining Improved Outcomes in Dementia Management: Patient QOL, Caregiver Burden, and Cost



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# Objectives

- What is improvement in a progressive disease?
- How do we approach the QOL outcomes for the patient, family and staff?
- When do we use medications?  
Which ones?
- How can we approach end-of-life issues?

# Nonpharmacologic Treatments May Help Caregivers Manage Symptoms

- Sensory stimulation<sup>1</sup>
  - Music therapy
  - Light therapy
- Social contact<sup>1,2</sup>
  - One-to-one contact
  - Pet therapy
- Environment<sup>1</sup>
  - Provide a safe environment
  - Reduce excess stimulation
- Rehabilitation<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Develop a predictable daily routine
  - Simplify tasks
  - Allow independence
- Recreation<sup>4-6</sup>
  - Exercise
  - Sorting
  - Games

<sup>1</sup>Cohen-Mansfield. *Am J Geriatr Psychiatry*. 2001;9:361-381.

<sup>2</sup>Cohen-Mansfield and Werner. *J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci*. 1997;52:M369-377.

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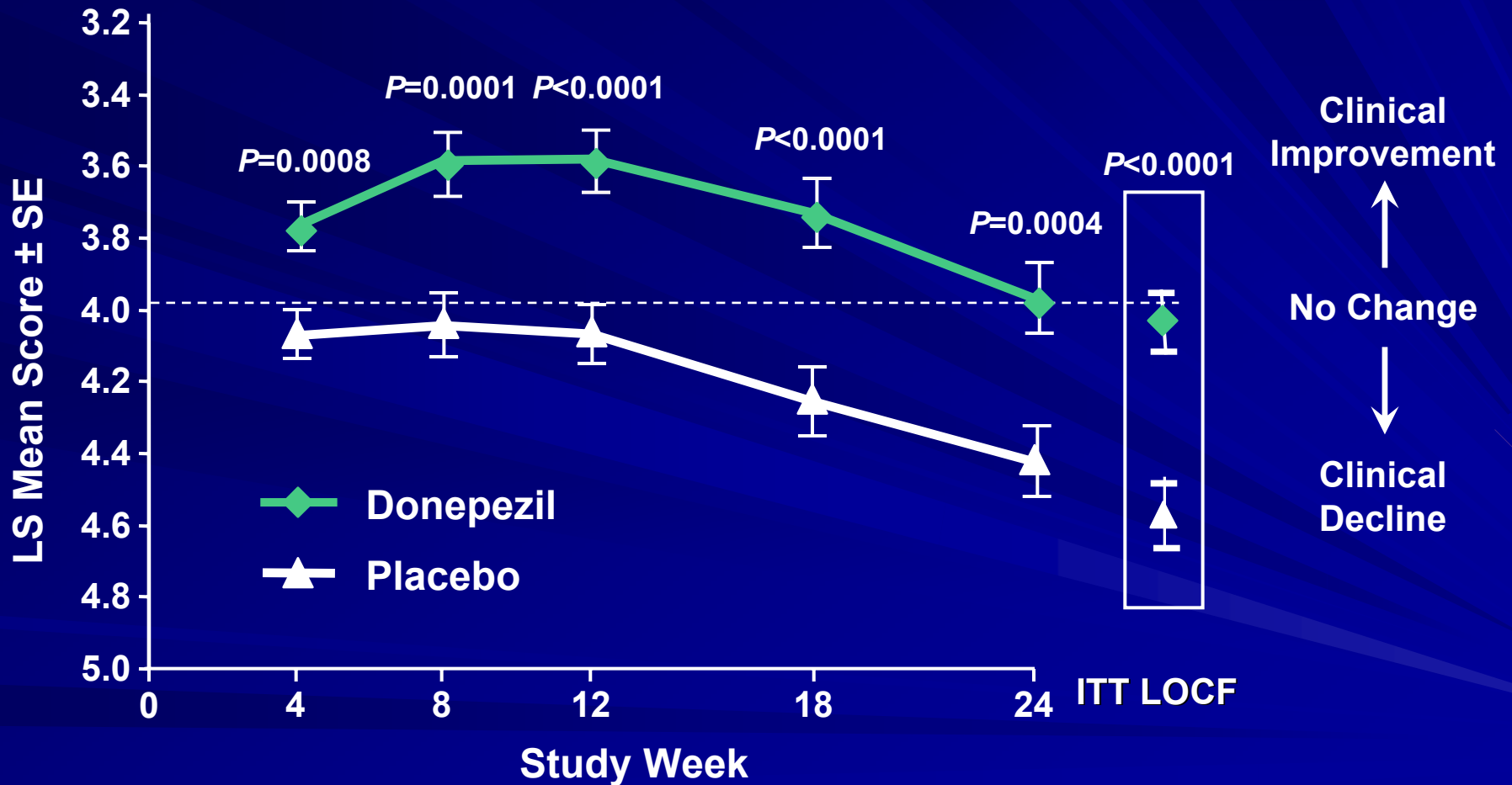
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<sup>5</sup>Holmberg. *Arch Psychiatr Nurs*. 1997;11:21-28.

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## MSAD Study (MMSE 5-17)

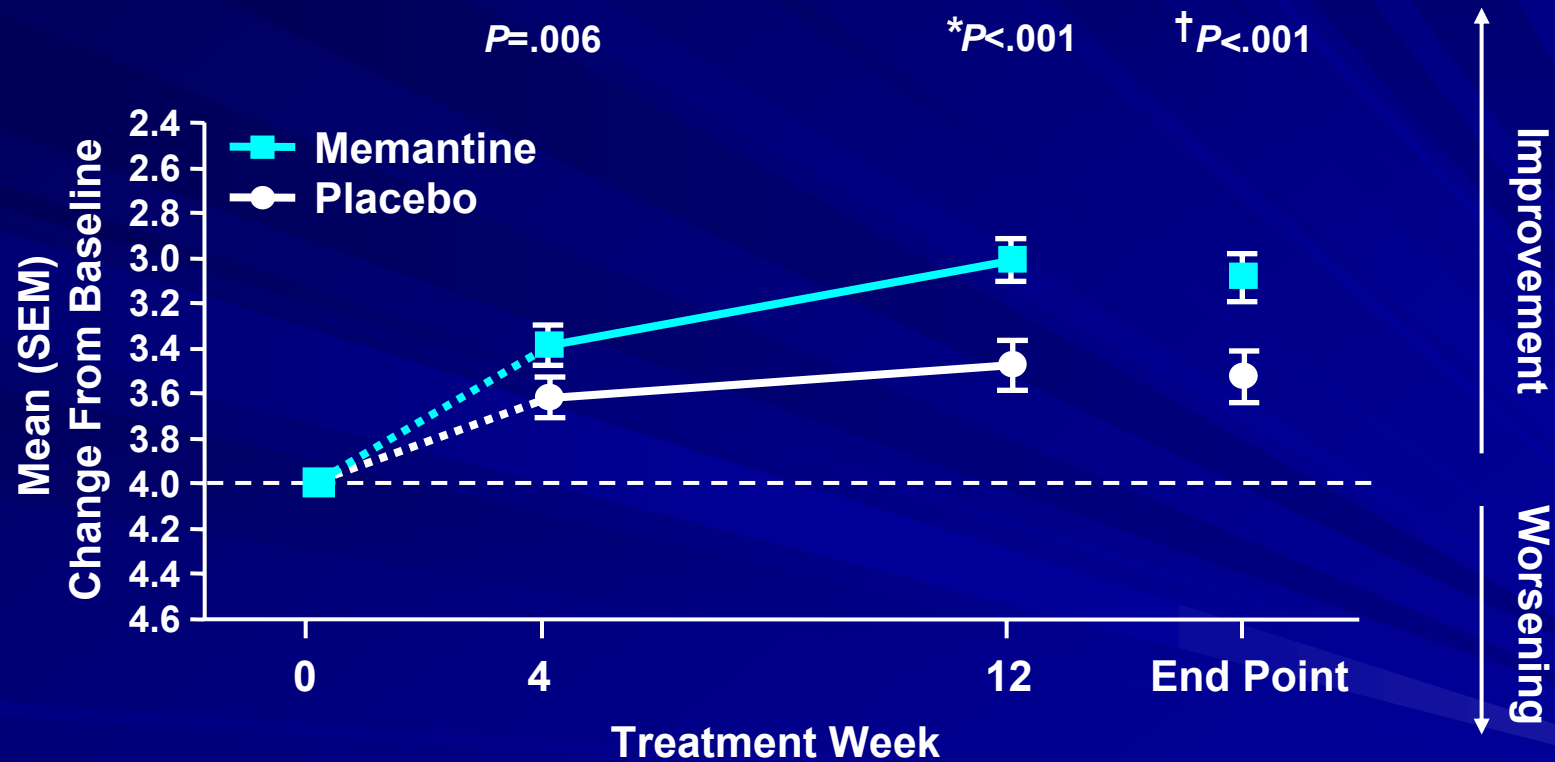
# Donepezil Significantly Preserved Global Function: CIBIC-Plus



MSAD Study = Moderate to Severe Alzheimer's Disease Study;  
CIBIC-Plus = Clinician's Interview-Based Impression of Change with caregiver input.  
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# Memantine in Moderate to Severe Dementia Study

## Results: Global Change—CGI-C



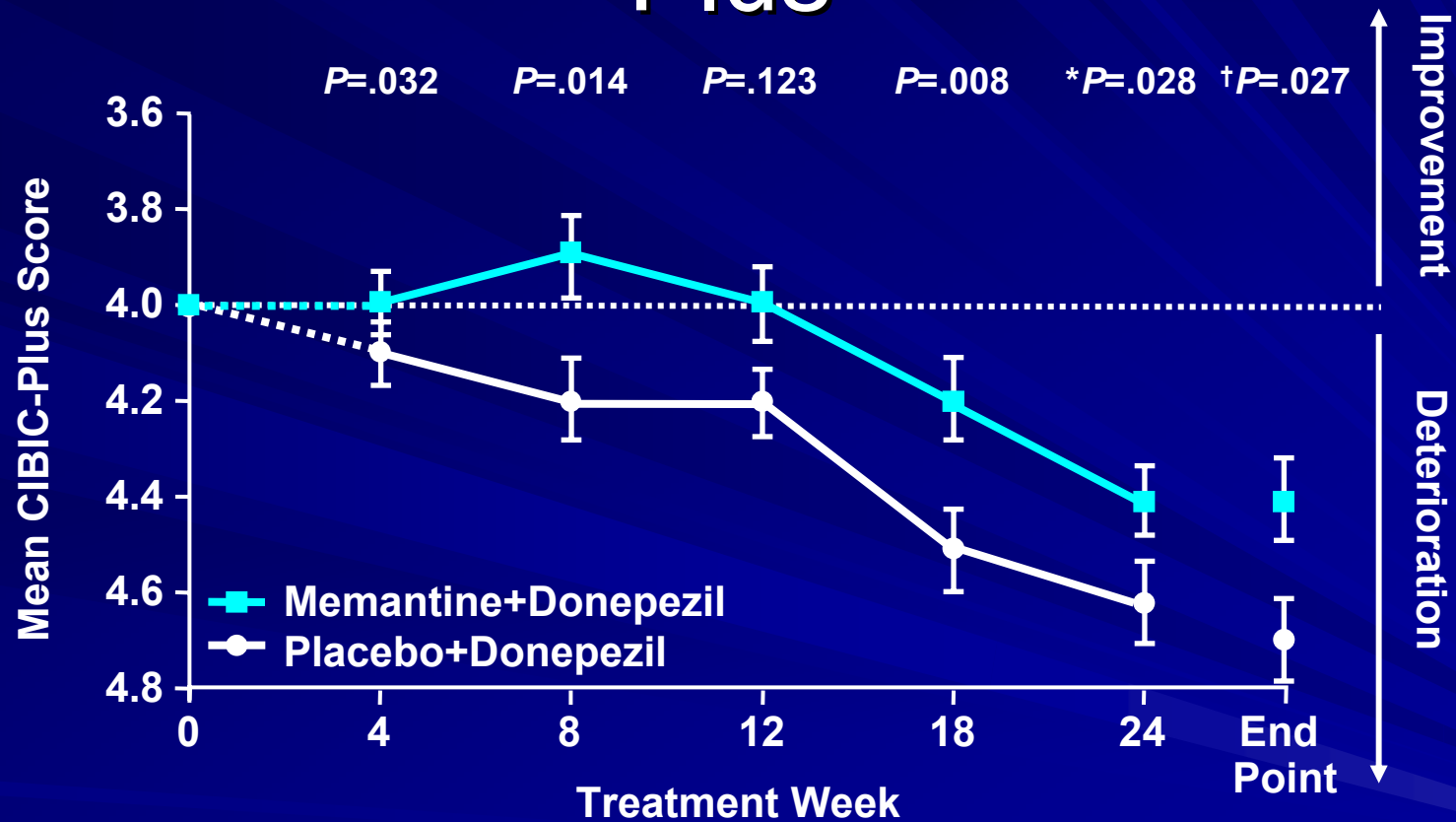
n =	82	82	78	82
n =	84	84	80	84

\*OC analysis. †LOCF analysis.

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# Memantine + Donepezil in MSAD Study

## Results: Global Change—CIBIC-Plus



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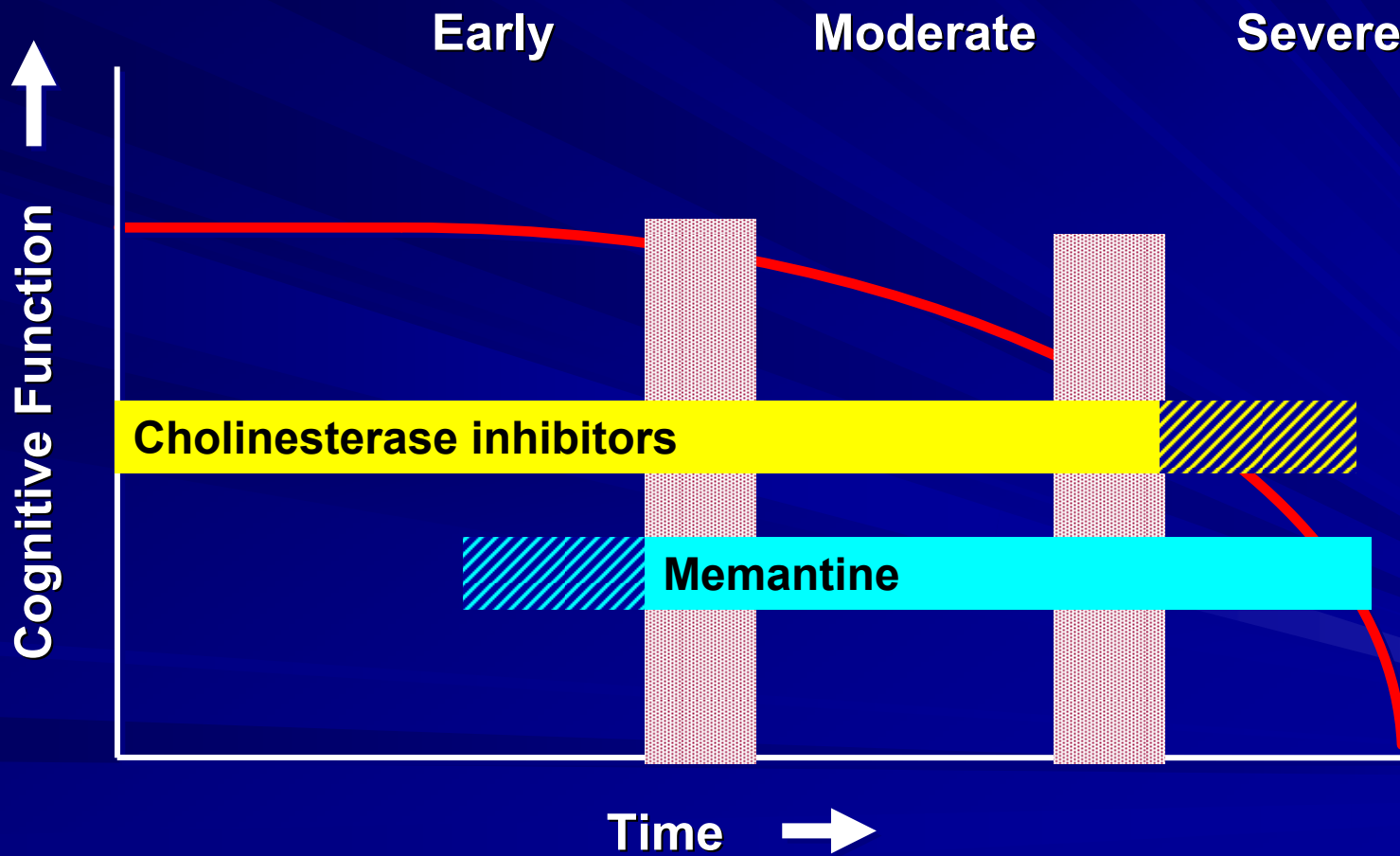
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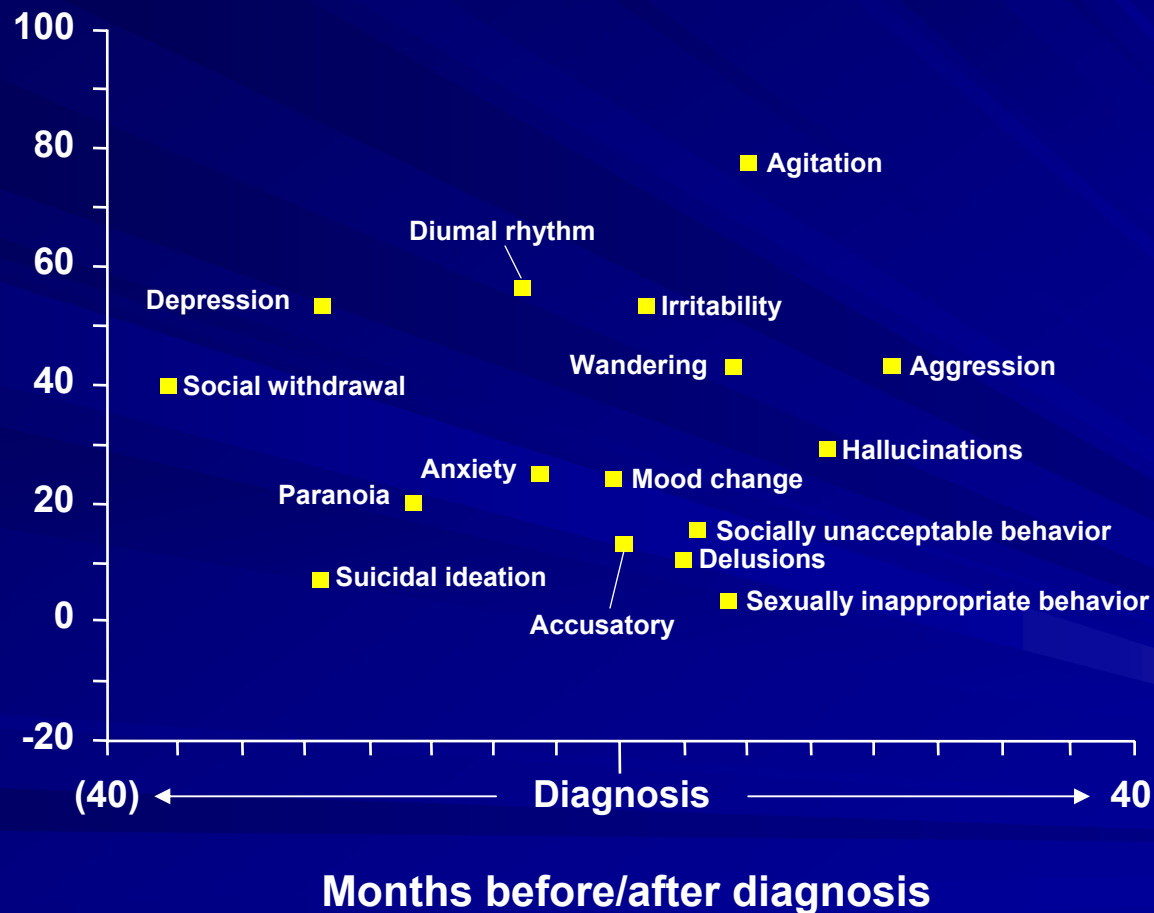
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# Alzheimer's Disease and Treatment



# Behavioral Symptoms of AD Evolve Over Time





# Medical and Psychiatric History: Causes and Aggravators

**D** – Drugs

**E** – Emotional illness (including depression)

**M** – Metabolic/Endocrine disorders

**E** – Eye/Ear/Environment

**N** – Nutrition/Neurologic

**T** – Tumors/Trauma

**I** – Infection

**A** – Alcoholism/Anemia/Atherosclerosis/AD

# Prescription Medication with Anticholinergic Effects

- Cimetidine
- Ranitidine
- Prednisolone
- Theophylline
- Warfarin
- Dipyridamole
- Codeine
- Nifedipine
- Isosorbide
- Digoxin
- Furosemide
- Triamterene and hydrochlorothiazide
- Captopril

# Psychotropic Medications With Anticholinergic Effects

## ■ Tricyclic antidepressants

- Amitriptyline
- Doxepin
- Imipramine

## ■ Antipsychotics

- Thioridazine
- Chlorpromazine
- Clozapine
- Olanzapine

# FDA and Atypicals in Dementia

- The FDA has determined an increased risk of mortality based on a review of 17 placebo-controlled studies of atypicals in older dementia patients with behavioral disorders
- The odds ratios showed a 1.6-1.7 increase
- The death rates were 4.5% on drug and 2.6% on placebo
- There was no indication that one drug was safer than the others
- None of these agents are approved for use by the FDA in this condition

# Final Stages of Dementia

- Personal space = “cocoon”
- Goals of treatment
- Diminishing space
- Behavior disturbances and respecting space
- Activity reduction
- Food and water
- “Benefits of dehydration”

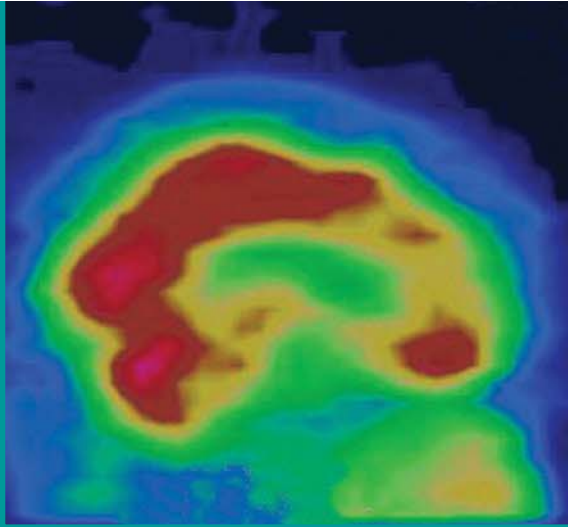
# Final Progression of AD

## ■ Timeline

- Average course of AD = 6-8 years
- Range of course = 2-20 years

■ Most AD patients die from some form of sepsis or “failure to thrive”

■ Autopsy finds plaques and tangles  
(per Dr. Alzheimer’s 1907 findings)



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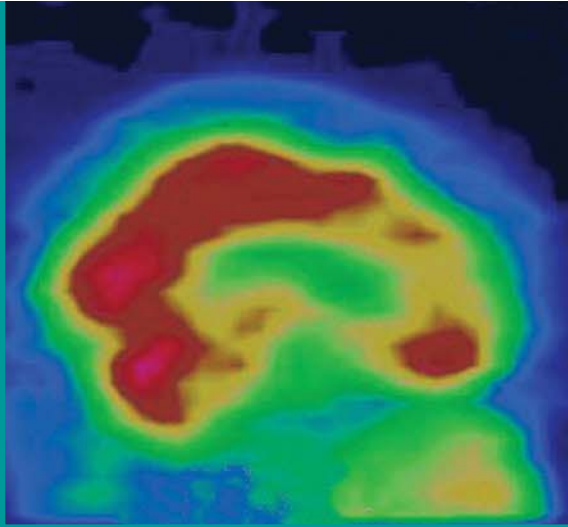
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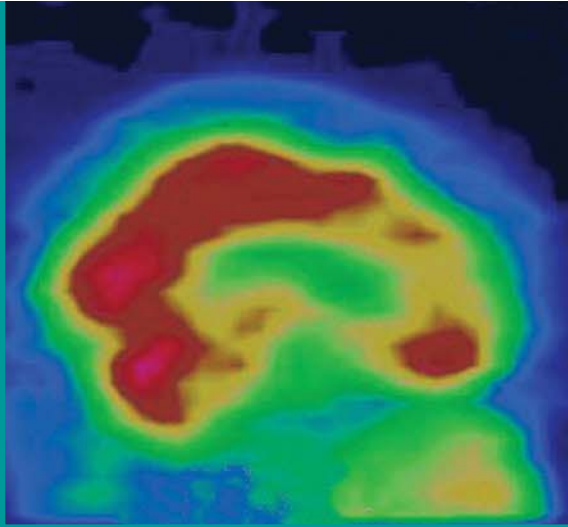
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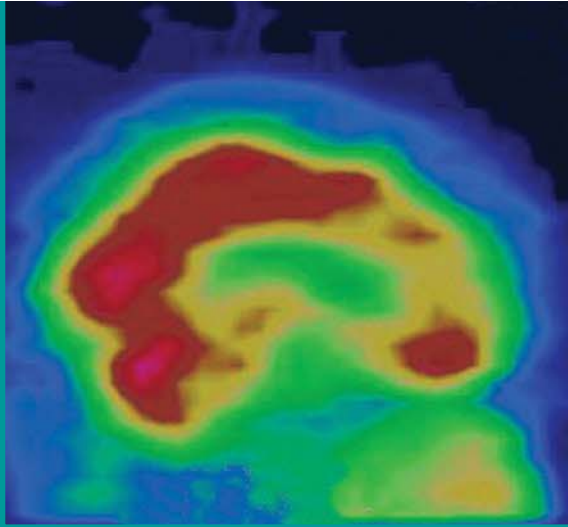


**Putting Knowledge  
into Practice:**



**A Panel Discussion**





## Concluding Remarks



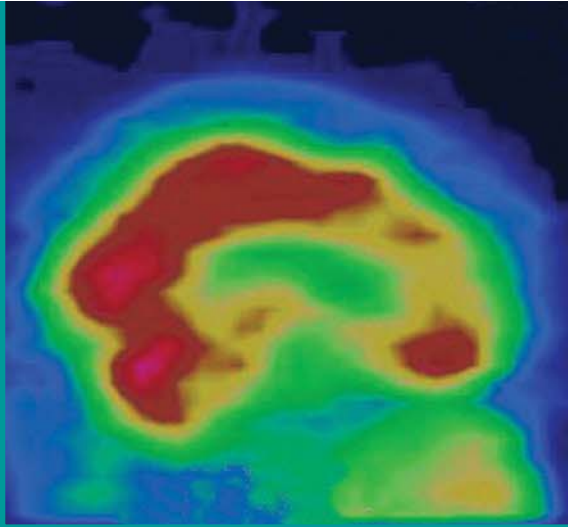
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