

The Alzheimer's Practice Change Initiative

ACT on Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Practice Change Initiative aims to increase the use of best practices in dementia screening, diagnosis, treatment and referral among Minnesota primary care physicians, advanced practice providers, care managers and others engaged in these activities through peer-to-peer education and practice change at the provider and system levels.

Specifically, the initiative will:

- Train providers practicing in primary care and patient-centered medical home clinics across Minnesota using a HRSA-funded clinical practice curriculum and materials developed by ACT on Alzheimer's (ACT), a transformative, multi-dimensional collaboration of over 60 organizations and more than 500 volunteers formed to implement Minnesota's state plan on Alzheimer's disease.
- Conduct an evaluation of the provider education program, including satisfaction with the training, intent to implement practice change and practice change actions.
- Plan and conduct a summit of health care system leaders aimed at encouraging adoption of dementia care best practices.
- Assess the extent of adoption of dementia care best practices in at least one health care system via interviews with system change leaders and data reporting on dementia best practice integration (e.g., screening rates, diagnostic rates, treatment, and post-diagnostic referral rates, EMR decision support tool utilization rates, etc).

Implementing ACT provider practice tools and best practices will improve quality of life for Minnesotans living with Alzheimer's disease by ensuring timely diagnosis and improving treatment, support and care. For more information on ACT on Alzheimer's or to access the practice tools and training videos, visit www.ACTonALZ.org.