

**Comments on the Draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer's  
Disease  
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The document represents an excellent start. Never the less, improvements can be made.

p.3 - Alzheimer's Disease: There is growing evidence that traumatic or incremental brain injuries can lead to dementia later in life. Perhaps this should this be included as a dementia.

p.12 - .E.3 Educate the public ... Here and elsewhere the word “educate” could be interpreted by by some as having a condescending and/or coercive effect. “Inform” or “Provide educational materials” might be better alternatives.

p.13 - Goal 2: Assisted living facilities should be added to the list of settings; it is often a transition from home care to nursing home.

p.13 - Strategy 2.A: “Unique challenges” are also faced by family caregivers. There is a separate section for caregivers but it deserves to be mentioned in many places.

p.18 - Strategy 2.F: Families also experience difficulty when the AD patient is transferred between care settings and systems.

p.22 - Strategy 3.A: “Caregivers report that they feel unprepared for some of the challenges of caring for ...” is a **drastic** understatement. Overwhelmed is more likely.

p.23 - Strategy 3.B: The availability of affordable facilities, such as adult day services, is vitally important to family caregivers health and well-being.

p.25 - Strategy 3.C.1: Long term care awareness: Issues of cost, hope, complexity, drastic interventions are all reasons for lack of planning for long term care needs.