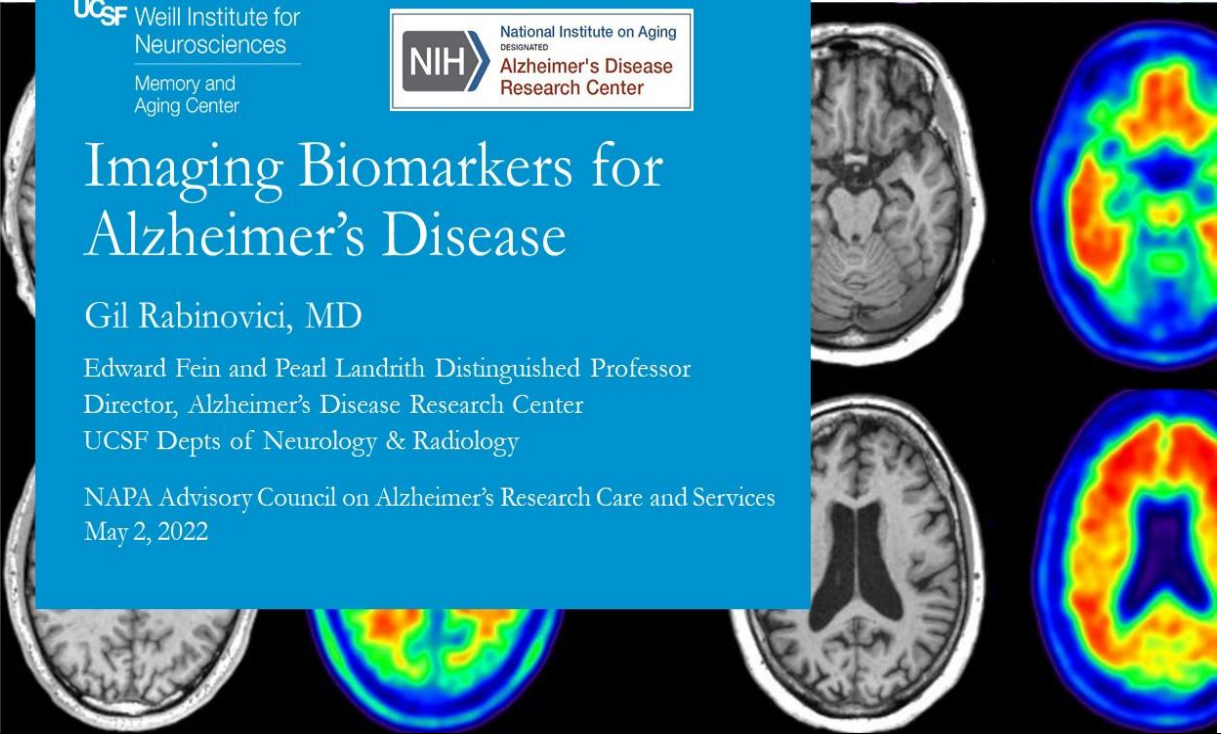


Imaging Biomarkers for Alzheimer's Disease

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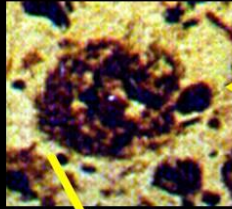
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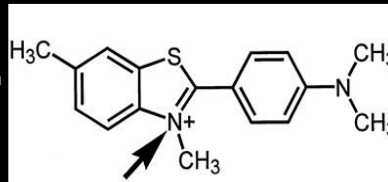
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PET Imaging of Amyloid Plaques

Amyloid plaques



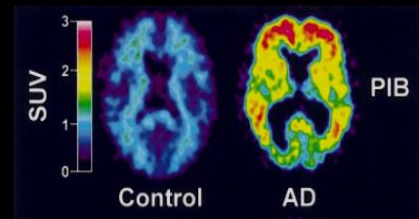
Radiotracer (PIB)



Cyclotron

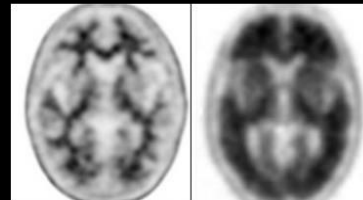
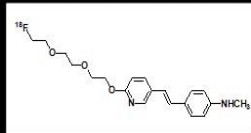


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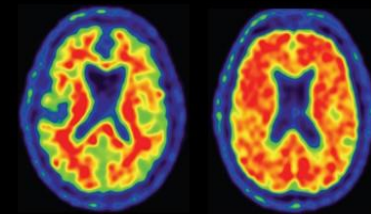
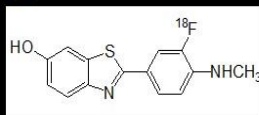


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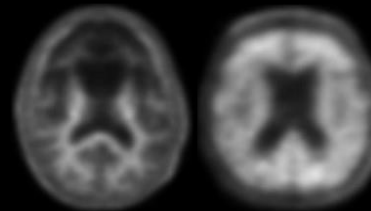
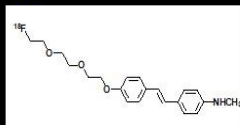
¹⁸F-florbetapir (Amyvid™)
FDA approved April 2012



¹⁸F-flutemetamol (Vizamyl™)
FDA approved October 2013



¹⁸F-florbetaben (Neuraceq™)
FDA approved March 2014



Amyloid PET Visual Reads PET vs. Autopsy Studies

Tracer	N	Report	Sensitivity	Specificity
Florbetapir (Amyvid) ¹	59	Median	92%	95%
Flutemetamol (Vizamyl) ²	68	Median	88%	88%
Florbetaben (Neuraceq) ³	82	Median	98%	80%

Sensitivity: Proportion of patients with high amyloid pathology who had a positive PET scan

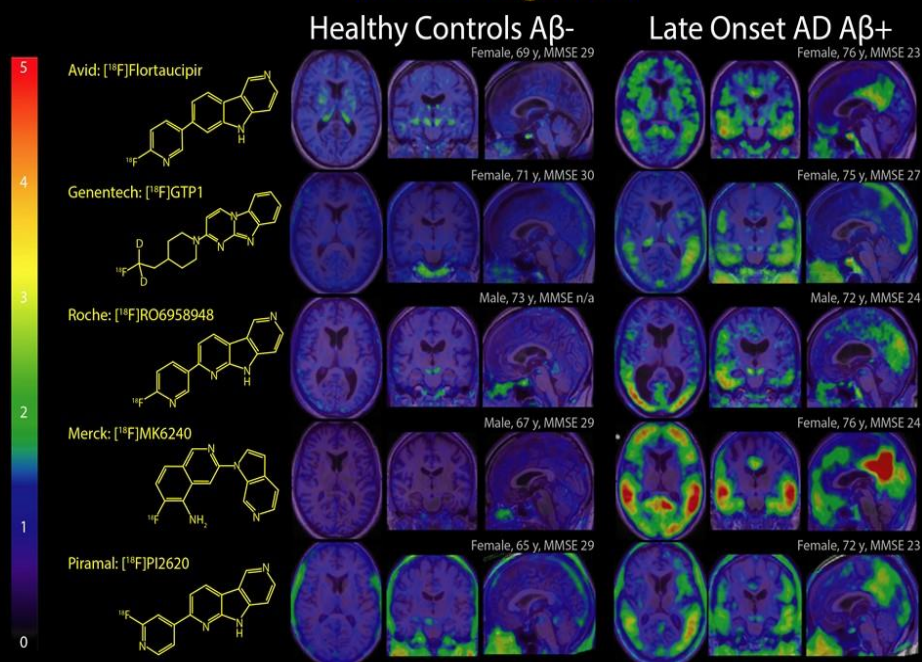
Specificity: Proportion of patients with low amyloid pathology who had a negative PET scan

1 – Clark et al., *Lancet Neurol* 2012

2 – Curtis et al., *JAMA Neurol* 2015

3 – http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2014/204677s000lbl.pdf

Tau PET Ligands



Schöil et al. *Mol Cell Neurosci* 2019

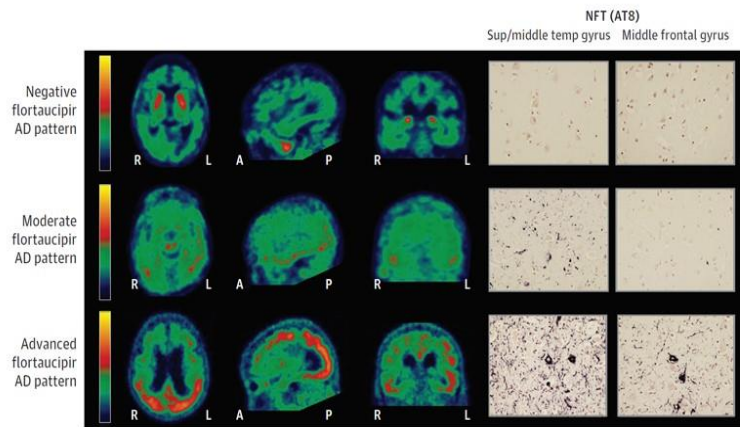
^{18}F -FTP: PET-to-Autopsy Validation

Patients underwent FTP-PET and autopsy (N=64)

Mean age 82.5
 PET-to-autopsy 2.6 months
 Visual reads vs. Braak V/VI tau neuropathology

Majority reads (5 raters)

Sensitivity 92%
 Specificity 80%



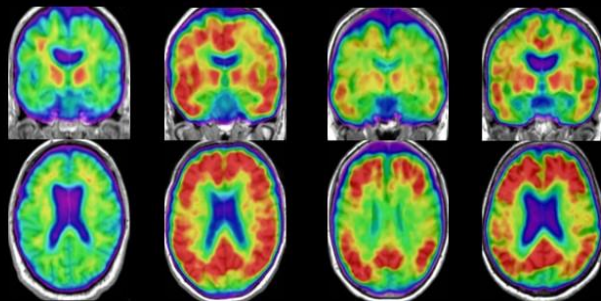
FDA approval May 28, 2020

“To estimate the density and distribution of NFTs in adult patients with cognitive impairment being evaluated for AD”

Fleisher et al. JAMA Neuro 2020

Amyloid plaques

^{11}C PIB



Cognitively normal

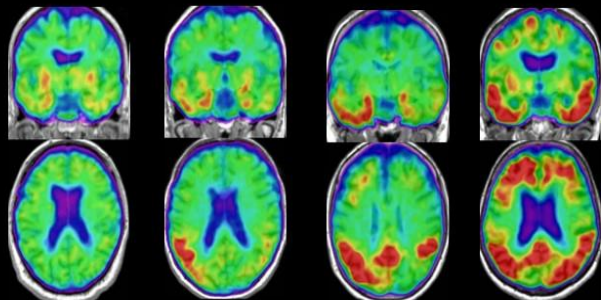
Cognitively normal

MCI due to AD

Alzheimer's dementia

Tau tangles

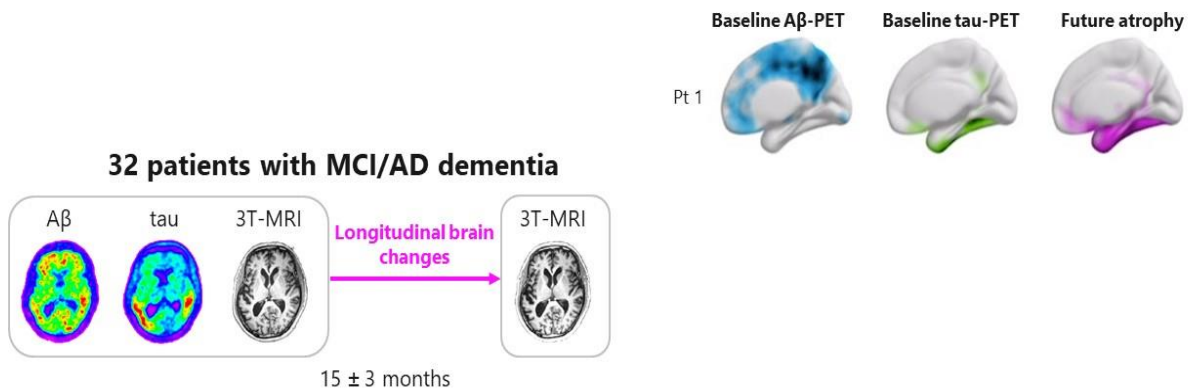
^{18}F FTP



- $\text{A}\beta$ and tau accumulation precede cognitive symptoms by ~20 years
- $\text{A}\beta$ reaches early plateau and promotes spread of tau
- Cognitive impairment is associated with tau spread

Rabinovici Continuum 2019

Baseline Tau Predicts Future Brain Atrophy



La Joie et al. Sci Trans Med 2020

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Imaging Dementia—Evidence
For Amyloid Scanning

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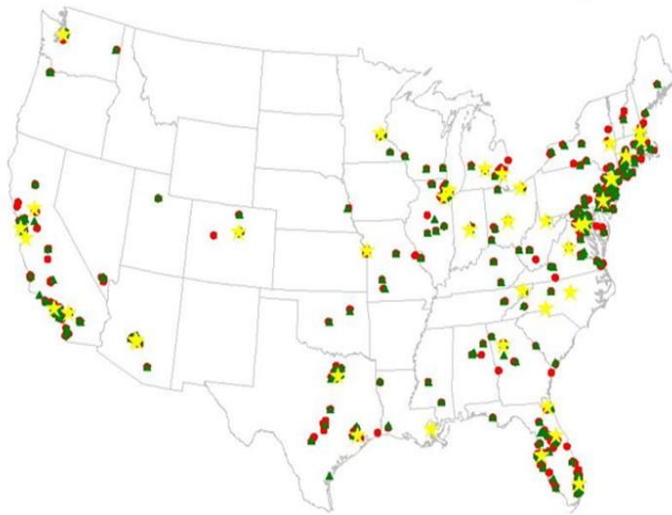
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U.S.-wide, longitudinal study on utility of amyloid PET in ~18,000 U.S. adults over age 65 with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or dementia of uncertain cause

- Eligible patients referred for PET by dementia specialists
- Scans covered by Medicare, performed and interpreted locally
- Aim 1: Impact of scan on patient management plan at 3 months
- Aim 2: Impact on major medical outcomes at 12 months
- *The primary hypothesis is that, in diagnostically uncertain cases, amyloid PET will lead to significant changes in patient management, and this will translate into improved medical outcomes*

IDEAS Study Network



● Active Dementia Clinic ▲ Active PET Facility ★ Suppliers

IDEAS-Study.org

Rabinovici et al. JAMA 2019

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595 dementia practices

79% private/group practice

946 dementia specialists

343 PET facilities

733 imaging specialists

18,295 scans completed

Median age 75 (65-105)

60.4% MCI

39.6% dementia

PET A β +:

MCI 55.2%

Dementia 69.6%

Primary Results of IDEAS Study

- **Amyloid PET had a profound impact on diagnosis and care plan**
 - Diagnosis changed from AD to non-AD in 25%, non-AD to AD in 11%
 - Patient management changed after PET in 60% of MCI and 64% of dementia
- **Amyloid PET had a modest impact on major medical outcomes**
 - 4.5% relative reduction in 12-months hospitalizations, no impact on 12-months emergency room visits
 - A β PET-positive patients had *lower* hospitalization rates than A β PET-negative
- **Amyloid PET results were disclosed safely to impaired participants**
 - No reports of psychological harm at post-PET visits; no known suicides
- **Low rate of referrals of minoritized groups**
 - 3.7% Black/African-American, 4.8% Hispanic/Latino

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Rabinovici et al. JAMA 2019, AAIC 2020, CTAD 2020, AD/PD 2021

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New IDEAS: A Study to Improve Precision in Amyloid PET Coverage and Patient Care



Getting Started ▾ During Study ▾ For Patients Find a Site ▾



- **Recruit diverse cohort of 7,000 Medicare beneficiaries**
 - At least 2,000 African-Americans/Blacks and 2,000 Latinx/Hispanics
 - Typical and atypical clinical presentations of AD
 - Early-onset and late-onset dementia
 - Biorepository (DNA and plasma) and image archive

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Underrepresented Community Recruitment



Metro Area Community Engagement

- Washington D.C., Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia, San Diego
- Partnership with ALZ on community engagement activities



National Engagement

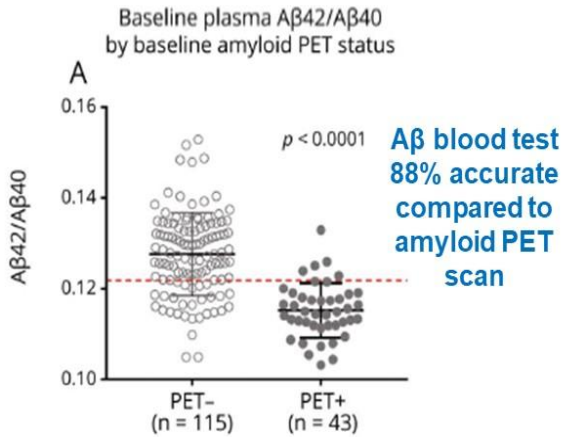
- National awareness campaigns
- New IDEAS Advisory boards
- Culturally adapted recruitment materials



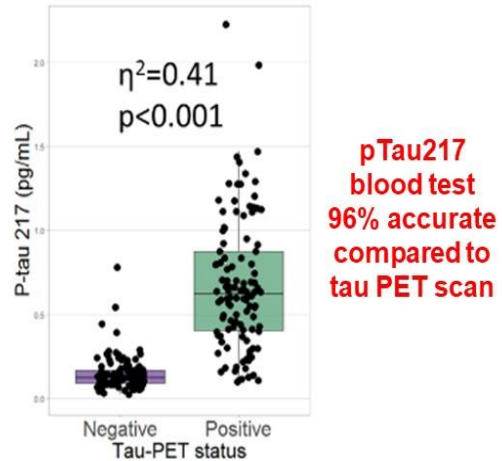
Support Dementia Experts & Facilities

- Identify experts with capacity to enroll underrepresented community volunteers
- Support training and materials for experts and facilities

Validating A β and Tau Blood Tests Using PET



Schindler et al. Neurology 2019

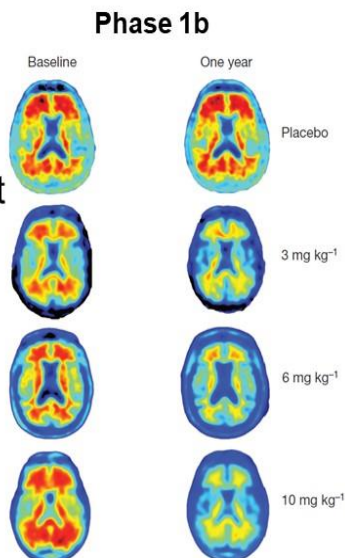


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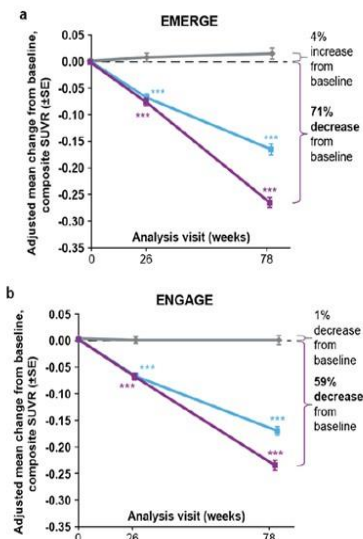
A β PET in AD Drug Development and Clinical Trials

- Patient Selection
- Early intervention
- Target engagement

Aducanumab
(humanized anti-A β
monoclonal ab)



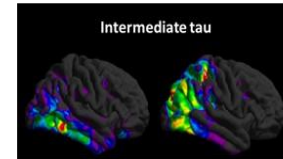
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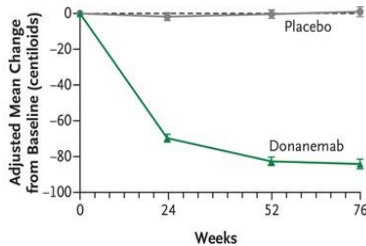
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Donanemab: “Next Generation” AD Clinical Trial

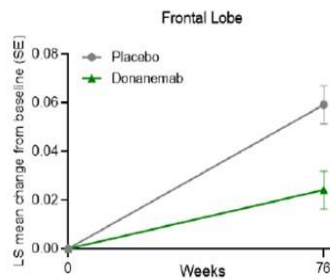
- Phase II trial of anti-A β antibody in MCI/early AD
- Only patients with intermediate tau PET uptake included
- Antibody dose titrated to PET response, switch to placebo when A β PET turned negative



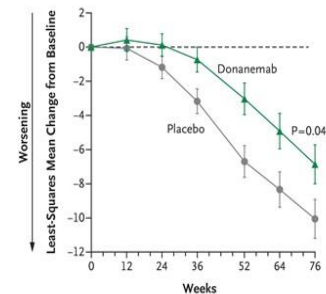
A β cleared on PET



Slowing of Regional Tau PET



Clinical benefit on iADRS



Mintun et al. NEJM 2021

Conclusions

- **Amyloid and tau PET have accelerated AD research**
 - Detect pathology and follow the evolution of AD in living people
 - Major impact on clinical trials and drug development
 - Accelerate development and validation of blood biomarkers
 - Improve diagnosis and care in clinical practice
- **Advances in biomarkers will lead to novel therapies**
 - Better designed clinical trials at earlier disease stages
 - PET will play a role in evaluating treatment eligibility and response
 - Paradigm shift from treating symptoms to early (pre-clinical) detection and disease prevention

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