

ASI Research Update End of Year Roundup



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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the October edition of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Research Newsletter.

Younger Onset Dementia Tender

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is inviting application to tender to develop guidelines on how dementia service providers and community groups can support people you younger onset dementia (YOD) living in their communities.

Check out our [website](#) for more information and invitation to tender.

Research Collaborations: TeamUp for Dementia Research



TeamUp For Dementia Research is a service where people living with dementia and their families can register their interest in participating in dementia research. If you are conducting a dementia-related research study and are looking for support with participant recruitment, please get in touch!

For more information, please click [here](#).

Prof John Nolan and Dr Rebecca Power at the Nutrition Research Centre Ireland (NRCI) at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) and Prof Róna Mulcahy at University Hospital Waterford have investigated the role of nutritional carotenoid supplements for people with Alzheimer's Disease.

Prof Nolan, along with a study participant Hilary, recently spoke on the Pat Kenny Show on Newstalk about the center's research trial further. These plant-based supplements showed many improvements in mood and memory for participants. To listen back to the show, please click [here](#).

Dementia as part of a Chronic Disease Management Programme

In May 2021, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland published a policy paper, which was commissioned and worked with Prof Suzanne Cahill & Dr. Maria Pierce which investigated the feasibility of including dementia in a revised chronic disease management programme for GPs. This, and our plain language summary, is available on our [website](#).

The ASI is hoping to explore these findings as part of a round table discussion with key stakeholders in the coming months.

A warm welcome to our new Research & Policy Team



The Research & Policy Team, led by Dr. Laura O'Philbin (Interim Research & Policy Manager) at the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, welcomes the addition of Cíara O'Reilly and Dr. Diane O'Doherty to the team.



Cíara O'Reilly joins us as Research Project Officer, working closely with the members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team. She will also be the point of contact for all queries relating to our new TeamUp for Dementia Research service.

Supported by the ASI, Cíara is currently completing a Masters by Research in Dementia through DCU School of Psychology.



Diane O'Doherty joins us as Research Officer, supporting internal and external research and policy activities. She has a PhD in the area of public health and has engaged with health research over the last several years.

How can you support research?



University College London & ISTAART Early Career Dementia Researchers Careers Survey

University College London and the Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART) Professional Interest Area to Elevate Early Career Researchers (PEERS) is working to better understand the challenges and what helps.

To inform the work, they are undertaking a survey aimed at early career dementia researchers, or those who have previously been an early career dementia researcher but have left the field.

The closing date for this survey is 31st October 2021.

For more information click [here](#).

Early diagnosis and prevention of Alzheimer's disease: What is your opinion?

Researchers at the Alzheimer's Centre Amsterdam are aiming to examine the perspectives of European clinicians involved in the diagnostic work-up of dementia. How is your clinic organized and what are your thoughts on how to communicate about (early) diagnosis, biomarkers, and dementia risk with patients and their loved ones? What's your opinion on prevention efforts and Aducanumab?



If you are a clinician (e.g., physicians, nurses, psychologists) working in a memory clinic across Europe, please click [here](#) to participate or scan the QR code.

For any research enquiries, please get in touch at research@alzheimer.ie