



National Memory Screening Day

ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Purpose

To promote early detection of memory problems, Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses, and to encourage appropriate intervention

Target Population

Individuals concerned about memory loss

Goals

- To offer free and confidential memory screenings to people concerned about memory loss
- To increase the early detection of memory loss and establish a baseline for people with normal scores
- To encourage appropriate intervention, including medical treatments, social services, and other resources for those with detected memory problems
- To raise public awareness about memory impairment, Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses, successful aging and brain health⁶²

Years in Operation

2003 – present

Structure and Operations

National Memory Screening Day is an annual event spearheaded by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in collaboration with community organizations. In November 2007, qualified health care professionals at more than 2,000 sites in 46 states offered resources and free, confidential screenings, consisting of questions and tasks designed to test memory, language skills, thinking ability and other intellectual functions.

The person who administered the screening then suggested whether follow-up for more extensive testing was necessary. The person screened received the results to take to his or her health care professional. Screening sites also provided information about successful aging.⁶³

Funding

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For More Information

Additional information is available online: <http://www.nationalmemoryscreening.org>