Alzheimer's disease is characterized by a degeneration and shrinkage of brain tissue; the symptoms include progressive memory loss, bizarre behavior, difficulty in speaking and walking, incontinence, and confusion. Positive diagnosis is possible only upon examination of brain tissue at autopsy. The disease affects not only the patient but also the caregiver, who for the first few years is usually a family member. Witnessing the mental deterioration of a loved one can weigh heavily on the caregiver, who therefore needs support as well. This document presents a bibliography of information on Alzheimer's disease. It includes not only research texts, but also titles to be read by caregivers and family members of Alzheimer's disease patients. Relevant and related subject headings used by the Library of Congress are listed. Bibliographic citations are included under the headings of: (1) Introductory Material; (2) Basic Research Texts; (3) Family Support Texts; (4) Bibliographies; (5) Conference Proceedings; (6) Government Publications; (7) Abstracting and Indexing Services; (8) Journals; (9) Representative Journal Articles; (10) Technical Reports; (11) Selected Technical Reports; and (12) Selected Materials. Names and addresses of organizations to contact for additional information are given.
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
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SCOPE: As the incidence of Alzheimer's disease (sometimes called senile dementia of the Alzheimer type, or SDAT) has increased during the last ten or fifteen years, so have the research and the allocation of money to sustain it. The disease is characterized by a degeneration and shrinkage of brain tissue; the symptoms include progressive memory loss, bizarre—even violent—behavior, difficulty in speaking and walking, incontinence, and confusion. Positive diagnosis is possible only upon examination of brain tissue at autopsy. The disease was first described by Alois Alzheimer in 1907, when he discovered abnormalities in the brain of a female patient with a severe presenile dementia who had died at the age of 56. The disease affects not only the patient but also the caregiver, who for the first few years is usually a family member. Witnessing the mental deterioration of a loved one can weigh heavily on the caregiver, who therefore needs support as well. This compilation lists not only research texts but also titles to be read by caregivers and family members. Not intended to be a comprehensive bibliography, this guide is designed—as the name of the series implies—to put the reader "on target."

SUBJECT HEADINGS used by the Library of Congress, under which books can be located in most card, book, and online catalogs, include the following:

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Highly relevant)
DEMENTIA, PRESENILE (Highly relevant)+
DEMENTIA, SENILE (Highly relevant)+
PRESENILE DEMENTIA (Highly relevant)
SENILE DEMENTIA (Highly relevant)
BRAIN--AGING (Relevant)
BRAIN--DISEASES--AGE FACTORS (Relevant)
GERIATRIC NEUROLOGY (Related)
MENTAL DISORDERS--IN OLD AGE (Related)

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL APPEARS IN


RC346.A3 1985*

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+National Library of Medicine subject heading that appears on some online records


BASIC RESEARCH TEXTS


Rev. ed. of Brain Failure (c1981).


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GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS


ABSTRACTING AND INDEXING SERVICES that index relevant journal articles and other literature are listed below. Some terms are provided as aids in searching.

Applied Science & Technology Index (1913-) Z7913.I7* Sc: Brain--Diseases
General Science Index (1978-) Z7401.G46*  
See: Presenile Dementia

Government Reports Announcements & Index (1946-) Z7916.G78*  
See: Alzheimer's Disease

Index Medicus (1960-) Z6660.I422*  
See: Dementia, Presenile

Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings (1978-) Z7403.I4*  
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See: Alzheimer's Disease

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Psychological Abstracts (1927-) BF1.P65*  
See: Alzheimer's Disease

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature (1900-) AI3.R45  
See: Alzheimer's Disease

Brain--Diseases

Science Citation Index (1961-) Z7041.S365* (see especially Permuterm Subject Index (1966-)) under headings beginning with Alzheimer

JOURNALS that often contain articles on Alzheimer's disease are

Annals of Neurology RC321.A62
Archives of General Psychiatry RC321.A66
Brain RC321.B79
British Journal of Psychiatry RC321.J82
JAMA, Journal of the American Medical Association R15.A48
Lancet R31.L3
Neurology RC321.A47
Science Q1.S35

REPRESENTATIVE JOURNAL ARTICLES


**TECHNICAL REPORTS and other types of literature are indexed in the following**

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See: Alzheimer's Disease

Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications (1895-)

Z1223.A18*

See: Alzheimer's Disease

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Kiely, Mary A. Alzheimer's disease: making the most of the time that's left. RN, v. 48, Mar. 1985: 34-41.


ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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