

Identifying Dementia in Primary Care

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Research: Dr. McCarten's research focuses on the early diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Fundamental to those efforts are the development of a patient database, the opening of the University of Minnesota – Fairview (UMMC-FV) Memory Clinic, and several ongoing clinical protocols. The Memory Clinic operates with a multidisciplinary team to go beyond the diagnosis to assist caregivers and persons with memory problems in coping with the everyday challenges of memory loss.

In 2004, a group of scientists and clinicians from the University of Minnesota and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center began meeting weekly to discuss issues of dementia assessment and treatment with the goal of bringing a federally funded Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) to the Twin Cities. The Clinical Research Integration Program (CRIPs) led to the development and implementation of a sophisticated dementia evaluation protocol and related computer-based database of patients. The database is central to enrolling and following patients and families in several innovative clinical research protocols, including longitudinal studies of normal elderly and patients with dementia.

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