

# Global Alzheimer's Disease Charter

**The following six principles should be adopted to make Alzheimer's disease and other dementias a global priority:**

- 1. Promote awareness and understanding of the disease**
- 2. Respect the human rights of people with the disease**
- 3. Recognize the key role of families and carers**
- 4. Provide access to health and social care**
- 5. Stress the importance of optimal treatment after diagnosis**
- 6. Take action to prevent the disease, through improvements in public health**

1. Provide public information about the symptoms, treatment and course of the disease
2. Reduce stigma by promoting understanding and awareness
3. Provide training and tools to healthcare professionals (including social workers) and family caregivers, to encourage early assessment, diagnosis, appropriate care, and access to optimal treatment

4. Provide access to primary and secondary health care services, responsive to the needs of people with dementia
5. Promote access to a range of options for long-term care that prioritize maintenance of independence, home and community-based care and support for family carers
6. Make all care environments, including (acute) hospitals and long term care institutions, safe places for people with the disease

7. Encourage the fullest possible participation of those living with the disease, in the life of their communities and in decisions about their care
8. Ensure a standard of living adequate for health and well-being, including food, clothing, housing and medical care for people with the disease
9. Provide a legislative framework to regulate and protect the rights of those people with dementia who lack the capacity to manage their everyday lives

10. Fund awareness programs to promote greater understanding that the risk of the disease can be reduced

11. Prioritize research into Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.