

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences



McGill to prepare the World Alzheimer Report for 2021 and 2022

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McGill University has been commissioned by <u>Alzheimer's Disease International</u> (ADI) to deliver the next two editions of the World Alzheimer Report on the crucial and interrelated topics of Diagnosis (2021) and Post-Diagnostic Support (2022).

This initiative will be overseen by the <u>McGill University Research Centre in Studies in</u> <u>Aging</u> and the <u>McGill Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences</u>, specifically the <u>Division of</u> <u>Geriatric Medicine</u> and the <u>Dementia Education Program</u>, supported by the Office of Education Technology and Online Learning at the Steinberg Centre for Simulation and Interactive Learning. Together, they are leading complementary initiatives devoted to prevention, diagnostics, management, education, knowledge dissemination and support for care partners.

An <u>expert team</u> led by Dr. Serge Gauthier, with Dr. Pedro Rosa-Neto, Dr. José A. Morais, Claire Webster, Dr. Tamara Ellen Carver, Zeina Salameh, Carol Servaes, Maria Vincelli, Diane Weidner and Leila Zahabi are already working towards the 2021 report: *Journey through the diagnosis of dementia*. The report is scheduled for launch during World Alzheimer's Month in September 2021, alongside a global awareness raising campaign.

"We strongly believe that our combined experience and expertise in research, care, education and lived experience in dementia-related illnesses will provide a tangible, meaningful and inclusive report on diagnosis and the management of dementia to Alzheimer's Disease International," says Dr. Gauthier on behalf of the McGill team.

Mr. Chris Lynch, Deputy CEO & Director of Policy, Communications & Publications for Alzheimer's Disease International, adds: "We are delighted to be working with such a dynamic and experienced team at McGill. We are on the cusp of breakthroughs in both treatment and diagnostics, which will influence the next two World Alzheimer Reports, and the McGill team has the expertise to bring the clinical, care and innovation elements together and to capture the vital voice and lived experience of people with dementia and their carers."

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About McGill University

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About Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)

ADI is the international federation of 102 Alzheimer associations and federations around the world, in official relations with the World Health Organization. ADI's vision is prevention, care and inclusion today, and cure tomorrow. ADI believes that the key to winning the fight against dementia lies in a unique combination of global solutions and local knowledge. ADI works locally, by empowering Alzheimer associations to promote and offer care and support for persons with dementia and their care partners, while working globally to focus attention on dementia and campaign for policy change. For more information, please visit <u>www.alzint.org</u>.