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Message from the Knowledge Translation and Exchange Program (KTE)

Following our collective push to mobilize a National Dementia Strategy at the CCNA's annual events, the **Senate Report** (released Nov. 15th) heard our research challenges, spoke directly to the impactful work of the CCNA, and the need to better fund it:

"The committee supports the work being done by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the lead agency in dementia research, through its Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging. The committee recommends the federal government allocate to the consortium 1% of the annual cost of health care for dementia patients which would more than double its current funding level of \$41 million. This is the international standard."

In tandem, the federal government recently **committed to developing a national strategy**. But they've yet to promise extra research funding.



KTE is now encouraging you to help ensure that well-funded research will make up a crucial component of the strategy. After consulting with experts in this area, KTE and CCNA Central have developed effective resources you can use. To provide key messaging to policy and decision-makers, learn more about the current landscape, and/or raise your expert voice in support by signing the template letter, click [here](#).

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To mark World Alzheimer's Day (September 21, 2016), the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA) launched its signature clinical study, the Comprehensive Assessment of Neurodegeneration and Dementia (COMPASS-ND). Over the next two years, the study will enroll 1600 participants, between the ages of 50 and 90 with memory problems from 30 sites across Canada. The goal will be to learn about who is at risk of developing dementia, how early it can be detected and what tests are most effective at detecting it. [Read more...](#)

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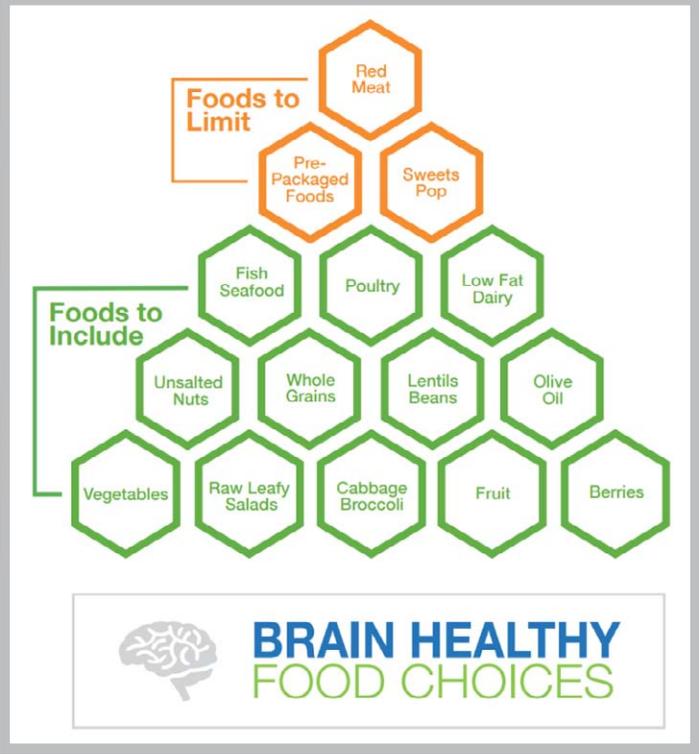
"We're looking to identify new biomarkers for early diagnosis and new targets for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease by uncovering the earliest synaptic changes in the brain that lead to cell death." Read more about Dr. Robert Bartha and teams' work [here](#).





The Brain Health Food Guide: How to Lower Your Risk of Dementia

“Up to 50% of the cases of Alzheimer’s disease may be the result of diet and lifestyle. This means that we have a real opportunity to lower the burden of dementias in the Canadian population through improving diet, exercise, and lifestyle.” Read more about Dr. Carol Greenwood and teams’ work, and download a copy of their Brain Health Food Guide [here](#).



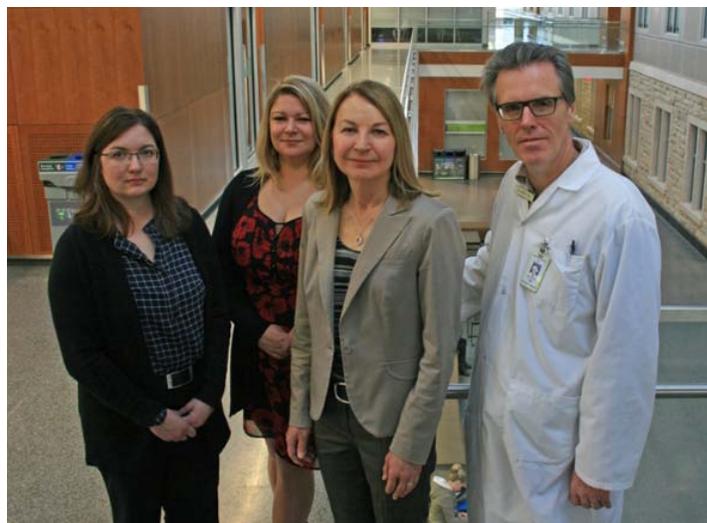
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The Alzheimer Society Research Portal is a tool that supports: (1) Canadian researchers who are seeking participants within their studies, and (2) Canadians who have an interest in participating in AD/dementia studies across the country. Learn more [here](#).



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\$2.3 million CIHR grant funding research to improve quality and appropriateness of services in rural areas of Canada. Read [more...](#)



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