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Systematic Review

[Alzheimer's Disease: Efficacy of Mono- and Combination Therapy. A Systematic Review](#)

This review examined research around the effectiveness of different drug therapies for Alzheimer's disease. The reviewers found that additional memantine in combination with ChEI might be of slight benefit in patients with moderate to severe AD, but evidence is ambiguous. Longer trials are needed. No major cognitive benefit is missed, if solely appropriate ChEI monotherapy is initiated.

Study

[Alzheimer's disease: measuring brain waves could diagnose dementia early – new study](#)

Developers are trialling a new tool Fastball, which aims to bypass biases of current memory and cognition tests and give doctors and scientists a new way to quantify the changes that occur in memory as a consequence of the disease.

Report

[JCVI statement regarding a COVID-19 booster vaccine programme for winter 2021 to 2022](#)

Taking a precautionary position, JCVI considers that on balance, it is preferable to ensure protection is maintained at a high level throughout the winter months in adults who are more vulnerable to severe COVID-19. JCVI advises that for the 2021 COVID-19 booster vaccine programme individuals who received vaccination in Phase 1 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme (priority groups 1 to 9) should be offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine. This includes those living in residential care homes for older adults and all adults aged 50 years or over.

News

[Shielding programme ends for most vulnerable](#)

The government has agreed to end the requirement for shielding guidance for people previously considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable.

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Advice

[Entering the world of a person living with dementia](#)

Some people with dementia struggle recognising where they are as home. This easy-read post offers tips on how to support them to reconnect to feelings of love and safety.

Webinar

[Building an early warning system for dementia: A public webinar from the UK DRI](#)

Free live one-hour public webinar on Wednesday 29 September, 6-7pm.

Blog posts

[How to deal with other people's negative reactions to a person with dementia when out in public](#)

In this blog post, Helpline Admiral Nurse Sue Kirkup answers some questions about how to deal with stigma and discrimination against people with dementia in the outside world.

[The experiences of stigma in diverse communities](#)

Admiral Nurse Mutsai Hove Bird writes about stigma and misconceptions around dementia in diverse communities.

[How COVID-19 has changed our attitudes to dementia](#)

Almost half (49%) of UK adults now say that dementia is the health condition they fear most in the future – with 3 in 5 people over 65 telling us that dementia is their greatest health concern. You can find out more about the UK's attitudes to dementia at www.dementiastatistics.org/attitudes.