

ALZHEIMER DISEASE

Home management by GP Survey in the French Rhône-Alpes area

GOAL

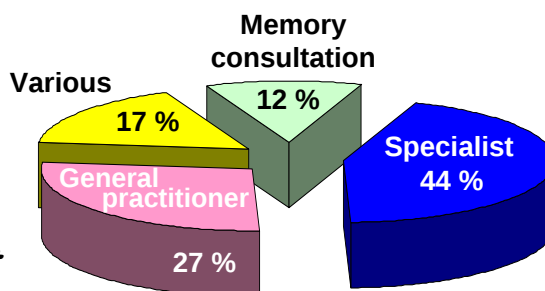
Whether and how diagnosis of Alzheimer disease is disclosed and identify possible ways of improvement

CONTEXT

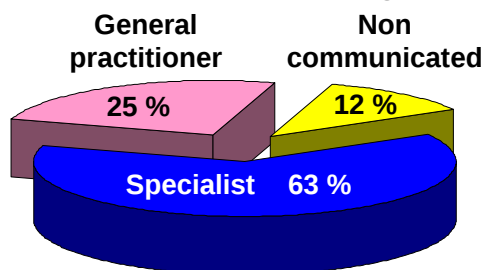
At this time in France, over 800.000 people aged over 75 suffer dementia, within $\frac{3}{4}$ are Alzheimer's disease (165.000 new cases per year)

74 % of doctors have used at least one cognitive test to make diagnosis

Who makes the diagnosis ?



Who announces the diagnosis ?



METHOD

524 practitioners of the Rhone-Alpes area agreed to take part in this investigation and received a questionnaire (8,8% of the solicited doctors). 297 (56 %) case report forms were received from November 15, 2004 to March 1, 2005

Management

Care and rehabilitation

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| • Physical therapy | 34% |
| • Speech therapy | 9% |
| • Cognitive stimulation | 27% |
| • Nursing care | 51% |

Housing assistance

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| • Clean home assistance | 59% |
| • Home assistance | 14% |
| • Home alarm system | 19% |

Psychological assistance

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| • Program assistance to caregivers | 13% |
| • Psychological interventions for caregivers | 18% |
| • Psychological interventions for patients | 19% |

Respite care

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| • Temporary institutional respite | 8% |
| • Day care center | 13% |

Doctor's judgements on management

	YES	NO
Is information on management sufficient ?	40%	60%
Is health care delivery sufficient ?	26%	74%
Are home care services well coordinated ?	55%	45%
Is collaboration between medical and social staff satisfactory ?	67%	33%
Is collaboration between medical and social staff satisfactory ?	42%	58%
Is the presence of case manager required to coordinate relationships between interdisciplinary professionals ?	59%	41%

CONCLUSION

Priority to improve home management of Alzheimer disease is presence of a case manager to coordonate care and assistance

Study available : www.urmlra.org

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