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Roundtable: The Alzheimer's disease Patient Pathway from a sex and gender lens



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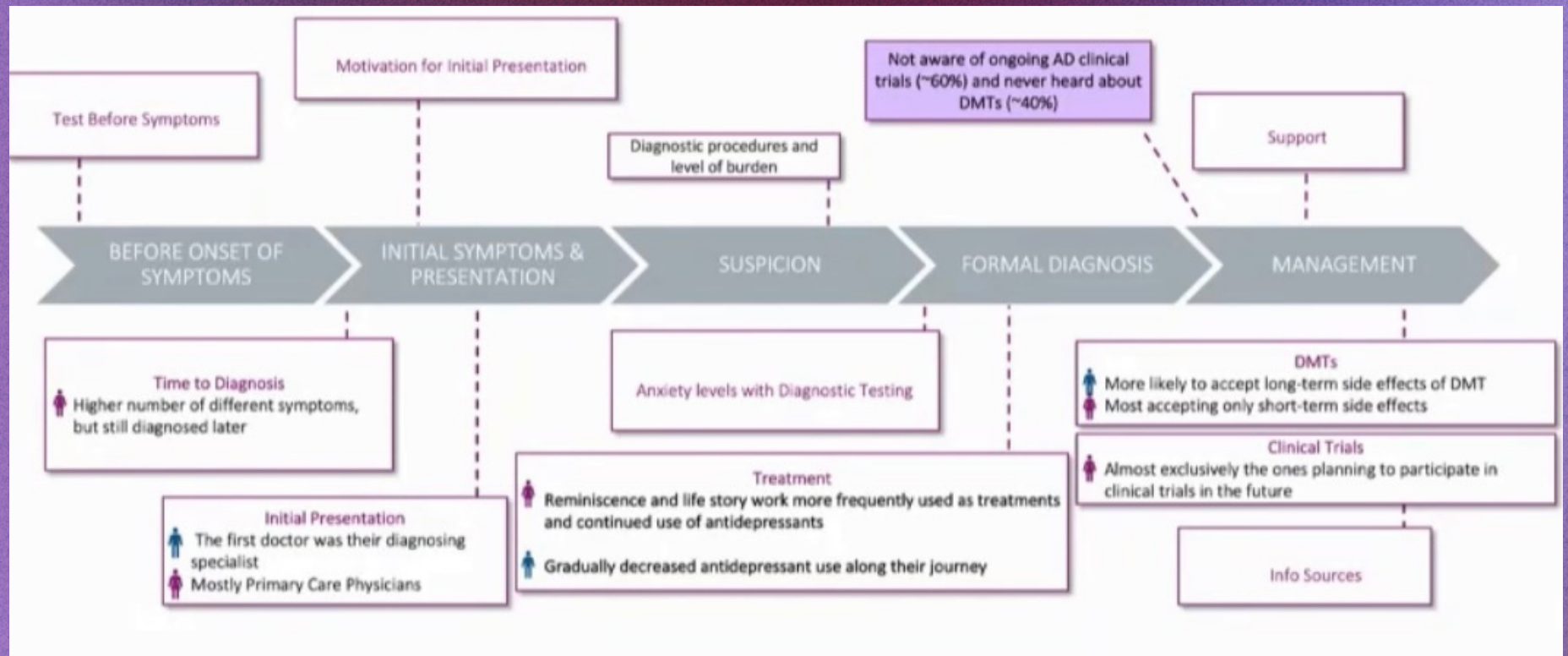
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BACKGROUND

Preliminary findings from a survey of patients and caregivers shows that the patient pathway for Alzheimer's disease differs in men and women



- Sex and gender differences affect several crucial milestones that could impact a patient's diagnosis, clinical care, and treatment
- There may be more nuances in sex differences in clinical trial recruitment and design that could be addressed
- Caregivers must be the primary caretaker with the ability to speak about the milestones patients have experienced during the journey

WHAT IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE PATIENT JOURNEY THAT NEED INTERVENTION?



Maria Carmela Tartaglia

We need to accept that not all patients coming to a clinic will have a classical symptom presentation and we need to provide more people with diagnostic tools. When we provide diagnostic tools for more at-risk patients, we can diagnose and start the necessary treatment earlier.

Reducing the time for diagnosis is crucial, especially when women struggle with their symptoms being mis-diagnosed with depression or stress



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What we know in the scientific community, is there is a huge chasm between what we know as scientists and what is actually done in clinical practice.

HOW COULD INSIGHTS LIKE THESE HELP IMPROVE THE OVERALL PATIENT JOURNEY?



Digital biomarkers open an important unexplored venue. They provide interesting insights on drug efficacy. They can possibly detect tiny changes at the early stages of the disease.

Antonella Santuccioni Chadha

Encourage diversity in research and clinics!



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Our analysis needs to consider all populations and subgroups being studied.

There is still work that needs to be done in health literacy. We need to educate the population about new treatments.



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