

Imaging of Alzheimer's Disease



Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is the most common type of

dementia, believed to affect over 10% of adults over the age of 65. AD is incurable and, thus far, treatment has focused on improving the quality of life for patients by maintaining brain health, managing behavioral symptoms and slowing or delaying symptoms of the disease [1,2]

In 2021, a new drug was approved by the US FDA for the treatment of AD. Clinical use of these drug therapies require MR imaging to aid

- A 3D Cube T2 FLAIR with HyperSense acceleration and HyperCube volume localization
- B 3D MP-RAGE with HyperSense acceleration for T1weighted imaging
- C 2D T2 FLAIR with AIR[™] Recon DL
- D Diffusion-weighted EPI with PROGRES distortion correction
- E PET with Vizamyl[™] fused on 3D BRAVO
- F 3D SWAN for susceptibility weighted imaging, with magnitude and phase images





in patient selection, detect signs of adverse reactions and ultimately monitor the drug's effectiveness and disease progression.

Users of GE HealthCare's industry-leading PET/MR, that simultaneously scans with PET and MR, know the value of co-registered PET and MR images for AD. PET measures the accumulation of beta-amyloid plaque, which can't be detected with MR or CT. Beta-amyloid plaque deposition may begin as early as 10 to 15 years before cognitive impairment symptoms.

Want to learn more? Contact your local GE representative.

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