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The knowledge and attitudes of primary care and the barriers to early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease

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PULPDU\ FDUH SK\VLFLDQV SOD\ D YLWDO UROH LQ WKH FOLQLFDO FDUH RI WKHLU SDWLHQWV HDUO\ knowledge and attitudes of physicians in the diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. In primary care, the diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease is often missed or delayed. With the increased prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and the growing impact of dementia on health care resources, early detection by primary care physicians (PCP) is essential. Thus, their knowledge and attitudes about early detection and diagnosis are crucial. To examine the knowledge and attitudes of primary care physicians regarding early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and how barriers may contribute to missed and delayed detection and diagnosis. An interpretive scope review was used to synthesize and analyze a body of literature published over the past decade. The study population are physicians in the United States. The current health systems experience challenges in providing early, safe, accurate, and comprehensive Alzheimer’s diagnosis DQG FDUH E\ D SULPDU\ FDUH SK\VLFLDQ WUDLQHG RU NQRZOHGJHDEOH LQ GLDJQRVLQJ WKH YDULRXV early detection and diagnosis in primary dementia care, including gaps in knowledge, attitudes, skills, and resources for person with dementia (PWD)/caregivers and their primary care providers and systematic and structural barriers that negatively impact dementia care. Research shows that Alzheimer’s disease has gone