How Prepared is the U.S. Health Care System for a Future Alzheimer’s Treatment?

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Snapshot of potential patients in 2019 (millions)

- Age 55+: 88.4
- Cognitive screening in primary care setting: 70.7
- Screening positive for MCI: 14.9
- Evaluation by specialist: 7.5
- Amyloid testing: 6.7
- Amyloid positive: 3.0
- Treatment indicated: 2.4

Constraints:
1. Dementia specialists
2. PET scanners
3. Infusion centers
Millions of patients projected to be on waitlists

- Initial bottleneck for specialist visits with 4.6 million patients
- With treatment first available in 2020, wait lists expected until 2034
Projected wait times are extensive

- Average 14-month wait for specialists in 2019
- Average 11-month wait for testing in 2023
- Infusion waits until 2034

- 2.1 million MCI cases could progress to Alzheimer’s dementia while on wait lists