# EARLY Alzheimer's & Dementia TESTING



For Alzheimer's and dementia patients, early diagnosis means a chance at a longer life with fewer symptoms.



# **DIAGNOSTIC TESTS INCLUDE:**



**BIOMARKER TEST** 

Proteins in the body are tested and analyzed



COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT

New developing technology detects mental changes



**BRAIN IMAGING** 

Patients get an MRI or PET scan



ODOR IDENTIFICATION

Loss of smell may be associated with Alzheimer's disease

## **CERTAIN BARRIERS HINDER EARLY TESTING:**



## Coverage issues:

Limited Medicare coverage for scans



#### Lack of awareness:

Patients don't know the signs and symptoms



### Misconceptions:

Cognitive decline is considered a "normal" part of aging



## Long waiting lists:

Many Americans with Alzheimer's must wait to see a health care provider



#### Lack of treatments:

A scarcity of treatment options deters people from getting testing

Alzheimer's disease patients need timely testing and proper care.



