



What to Expect

## Welcome to Georgia Memory Net

**Georgia Memory Net (GMN)** is a program funded by the State of Georgia.

We have three goals:

1. To provide **fast, accurate diagnoses** for Georgians showing signs of Alzheimer's disease or related dementias when they're referred by their Primary Care Provider.
2. To **connect Georgians** dealing with Alzheimer's and related dementias with support services in their area.
3. To **collect information** that can help our state better support Georgians with Alzheimer's.

Georgia Memory Net assesses patients at one of our five clinics around the state, or by telemedicine on a smart phone or other device.



## What Happens if I'm Referred to a GMN Memory Assessment Clinic?

A referral to one of our Memory Assessment Clinics, whether in person or through telemedicine, usually takes two visits (though it can sometimes require more).



**VISIT 1:** Our dedicated expert staff use the latest techniques for diagnostic testing and assessment.



**VISIT 2:** Patients receive their customized care plan with treatment recommendations, along with connections to community programs providing support to people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias.



**POST VISIT:** Patients return to the care of their Primary Care Provider.

## The Time for Telehealth

For some people, visiting one of our Memory Assessment Clinics might be a challenge. Because of this, Georgia Memory Net is providing telehealth options for patients in every corner of Georgia. Telehealth uses devices like smartphones or computers with cameras to connect, instead of meeting in person. For those who need an Alzheimer's disease or related dementia diagnosis, but can't visit a clinic for any reason, Georgia Memory Net has an effective option.

If you require a telehealth appointment, you may connect and conduct your appointment from the comfort of your home, or from one of our Department of Public Health telehealth sites where technology, connectivity, and guided assistance is provided.

## Georgia Memory Net At-A-Glance

### Who is a good candidate for a GMN referral?

Georgians over 60 showing signs of memory loss or mild cognitive impairment. They or their family may be concerned about behaviors or personality change. If this sounds like you, talk to your Primary Care Physician and share your concerns.

### Who might not benefit from a GMN referral?

Patients who are already diagnosed, are under 50, have a history of traumatic brain injury, or live in a permanent facility probably won't benefit from Georgia Memory Net's services. If this sounds like you, you should still share any concerns you have with your Primary Care Provider.

### Where are GMN's Memory Assessment Clinics?

Albany, Atlanta, Augusta and Macon.

Memory Assessment Clinic services are also available remotely through telemedicine.



### How do I get a referral to a GMN Memory Assessment Clinic?

Let your Primary Care Provider know if you are concerned about memory loss or changes in thinking. If you're over 65, these concerns can be addressed during your free Annual Wellness Visit. Either way, ask your Primary Care Provider if a referral to Georgia Memory Net for diagnosis is appropriate.

### Can I make an appointment directly with Georgia Memory Net?

GMN Memory Assessment Clinics require a referral from a Primary Care Provider or other healthcare professional. The clinics are solely for diagnosis and community service education.

## How the Georgia Memory Net Process Works



**YOUR PROVIDER IDENTIFIES A RISK** of Alzheimer's or related dementias



**APPOINTMENT 1** is for diagnostic testing and assessment



**APPOINTMENT 2** is for delivery of diagnosis, education, and care planning



**A CUSTOMIZED CARE PLAN** is delivered to the patient, their care partners, and their PCP



**COMMUNITY PARTNERS** are connected for local support



**ONGOING CARE** is managed and provided by your trusted PCP

## Community Support

There are many programs and groups around the state that help Georgians with Alzheimer's and related dementias, and their care partners, with a variety of services and support methods. Part of Georgia Memory Net's mission is to connect Georgians living with dementias and their families with these community-based resources.

Here are some of the community partners we work closely with:







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