



# HEALTH AWARENESS

## Alzheimer's Disease: Taking Control

(NAPSA)—Today in the U.S., approximately 4.5 million people are living with Alzheimer's—a debilitating disease that robs people of their memory—and 70 percent of these people live with their caregiver.

After 65 years old, it is estimated that one in 10 Americans are afflicted with Alzheimer's, but after the age of 85, the incidence rate jumps dramatically to 50 percent.

"First I cried and then I took control," said Mary P., who has been caring for her mother with Alzheimer's for the last five years.

Her sentiment is shared by thousands of caregivers across the country.

As part of taking control, Mary P. sought out information about a clinical research study.

"I wanted to get Mom into possible treatment and I wanted information and support for myself," said Mary P., who enrolled her mother in a clinical research study. "It's an added benefit to know that you are helping others, too."

Physicians across the U.S. are involved in a clinical research study designed to determine the effectiveness of an investigational medication for the treatment of the more advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease.

To move this research forward, many Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers are needed to volunteer for this clinical study.

To qualify, the person must be in the more advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease, living at home



### **A nationwide clinical research trial seeks Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.**

or in an assisted-living facility. They must be 50 years or older and have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's and have not taken medications for Alzheimer's in the past three months. The study also requires the support of a caregiver who is willing to accompany the Alzheimer's patient to each visit.

Clinical studies offer some benefits, such as study-related medical tests, medical care, lab work and close monitoring at no cost. If you or someone you know is caring for a person with advanced Alzheimer's, consider calling for more information.

The need for patients is great and patients can make a difference. Call toll free 1-877-336-8167 or visit [MemoryLossStudies.com](http://MemoryLossStudies.com).

*Editor's Note: The clinical study is available to people in the following states: Alabama; Arizona; California; Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Georgia; Illinois; Indiana; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maryland; Nevada; New Jersey; New York; North Carolina; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Tennessee; Texas; Virginia; Washington; and Wisconsin.*