STATISTICS:
Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias

MANITOBANS AFFECTED
- An estimated 18,000 Manitobans have Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia.
- 1 in 3 Manitobans have a family member or close personal friend with Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia.

CANADIANS AFFECTED
- An estimated 435,000 Canadians over 65 have Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia.
  - 298,000 are women
  - 137,000 are men
  - 1 in 13 over the age of 65 have Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia.
  - 1 in 3 over the age of 85 have Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia.
- An estimated 290,000 Canadians over the age of 65 have Alzheimer’s disease.
- By 2031, over ¾ million Canadians will have Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia.
- It is estimated that by 2011, there will be 111,560 new cases of dementia diagnosed in Canada.
  - 67,680 women
  - 43,880 men
- Over 52% of Canadians know someone with Alzheimer’s disease.
- Almost 25% of Canadians have someone with Alzheimer’s disease in their family.
- Baby boomers have begun to move into the age of highest risk for Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.
- Canadians spend an estimated $5.5 billion dollars a year caring for persons with Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia.
- 50% of people with dementia live in personal care homes or retirement homes.
PREVALENCE WORLDWIDE
- It is estimated that 24.3 million people in the world are affected by dementia – this is expected to rise to 42.3 million by the year 2020.
- 60% of people with dementia live in developing countries.

EFFECTS ON FAMILIES
- Half of the informal caregivers are over age 60; 36% of caregivers in the community are over the age of 70.
- Over 70% of informal primary caregivers are women, mostly wives and daughters.
- 30% of primary caregivers in the community are employed.
- Only 3.4% of caregivers use formal respite care (care provided by Home Care or a health service agency designed to give the caregiver a break from caregiving.)
- 40% of people caring for someone with moderate dementia in the community report symptoms of depression.
- Depressive symptoms are nearly twice as common in caregivers of people with dementia as in caregivers of seniors who do not have dementia.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
- Alzheimer Disease International – www.alz.co.uk
- Alzheimer Society Canada – www.alzheimer.ca
- Alzheimer Society Manitoba – www.alzheimer.mb.ca
- Canadian Study on Health and Aging – www.csha.ca

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba’s mission is to alleviate the individual, family and social consequences of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders while supporting a search for a cure.

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