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► *Spotlight*

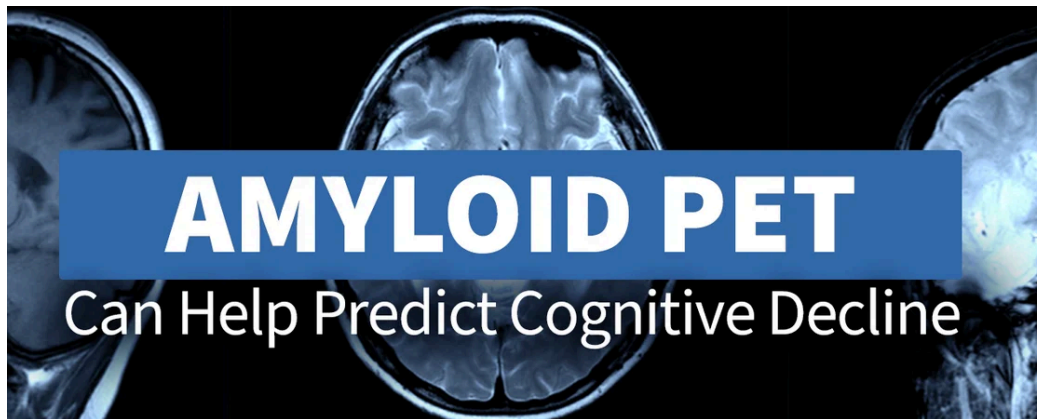


A Year of Progress

Discover the highlights of NACC's most impactful year yet, including the launch of UDSv4, major advances in multimodal data integration, record data access, strengthened ADRC collaboration, and expanded support for early-career investigators. With renewed leadership and strong momentum, NACC is well-positioned for the year ahead.

2025 in Review

► *Recent Research*



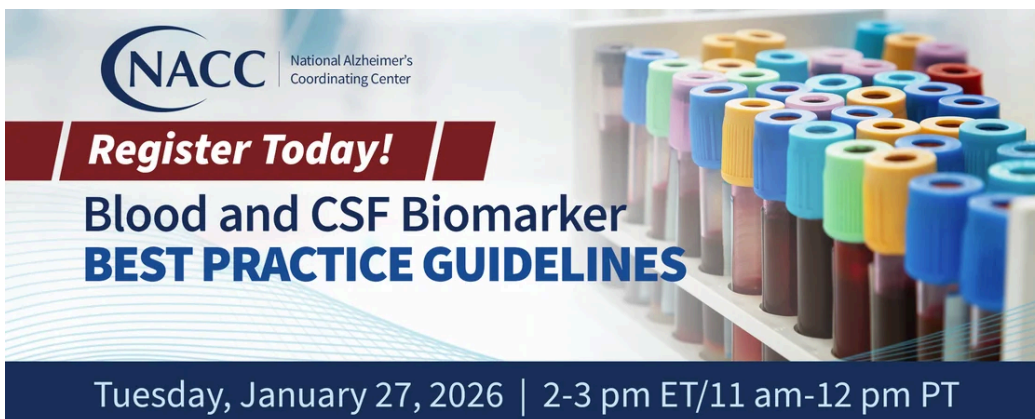
AMYLOID PET

Can Help Predict Cognitive Decline

A new study by Dr. Elizabeth Mormino shows that amyloid PET imaging, harmonized through NACC's expanding multimodal data infrastructure, can help predict cognitive decline across the heterogeneous ADRC cohort. By standardizing nearly 900 legacy amyloid PET scans and linking them with longitudinal clinical data, investigators demonstrated that higher amyloid burden is associated with progression from unimpaired cognition to MCI and from MCI to dementia. The work underscores the growing value of amyloid PET and shows how centralized imaging pipelines across the ADRC Program are enabling larger, more representative analyses.

[Read More](#)

► Upcoming Events



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Register Today!

**Blood and CSF Biomarker
BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 2-3 pm ET/11 am-12 pm PT

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 11 am – 12 pm PT

Join the ADRC Biomarker Best Practices Workgroup in this one-hour webinar to learn more about their newly released Guidelines for CSF and Blood. The workgroup will do an overview of their recommendations, share details about their approach, and provide context for decision making.

[Register Now](#)

AAIC 2026: Call for Abstracts

Abstract Deadline: January 12, 2026

AAIC is now accepting abstracts, offering a key opportunity for ADRC investigators and NACC data users to showcase innovative AD/ADRD research on a global stage. We encourage submissions that highlight the impact of standardized ADRC data, multimodal pipelines, and NACC-enabled discoveries.

[Learn More and Submit](#)



2026 Spring ADRC Meeting

May 3-6, 2026

The upcoming Spring ADRC Meeting in Atlanta, GA will bring together investigators from across the network for cross-core collaboration and updates on emerging priorities in AD/ADRD research. Full details on session themes and programming will be announced soon.

[Save the Date](#)

► ***ADRC/CORE Spotlight***



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Arizona ADRC is inspiring
the next generations of
aging researchers

Inspiring the next generation of scientists is key to how the Arizona ADRC works to advance Alzheimer's disease and related dementias research. The Center supports a broad range of programs from bringing together early career researchers to produce cross-disciplinary research, introducing local high school students to laboratory science and scientific conferences, to building pipe cleaner neurons with elementary school students.

Learn More About the Arizona ADRC

Each month, NACC will spotlight exciting work happening at an ADRC. We would love to highlight yours! Reach out to us at naccmail@uw.edu with ideas for featured content about your Center.

► NACC Updates

Legacy System Shutdown

NACC will retire the Legacy UDSv3 system in early 2026 as part of the program-wide transition to the modern, cloud-based NACC Data Platform. All UDSv3 data must be submitted, corrected, and finalized in the Legacy Portal by the published deadlines to ensure safe migration and prevent data loss. After March 1, 2026, all submission, auditing, and reporting will occur exclusively through the new ADRC Portal. Additional guidance, timelines, and support resources are available on our Legacy System Transition webpage.

Legacy System Shutdown

UDSv4 Follow-Up Visit Packet Now Available!

We are excited to announce the release of the **UDSv4 Follow-Up Visit Packet (FVP)**! ADRCs can now begin collecting and submitting follow-up visit

data using these forms.

[Access the FVP Forms](#)

ADRC Portal Supports Participants in Affiliated Studies

Affiliated Studies (both ADRCs and non-ADRCs) can now upload, audit errors, and view raw participant data within the ADRC Portal, reducing confusion and ensuring correct study selection and data handling across sites. Additionally, the January NACC Open Office Hours will be dedicated to any Affiliated Studies that have questions or need assistance using the ADRC Portal.

[Affiliated Study Support](#)

[Open Office Hours](#)

► *Funding Opportunities*

GNPC Data Challenge: Proteomics Research in Neurodegeneration

Deadline: January 15, 2026 at 3 pm PT

Award Amount: \$10,000 (1st place) and \$5,000 (2nd place)

The Alzheimer's Disease Data Initiative invites researchers to advance biomarker discovery using the Global Neurodegeneration Proteomics Consortium's Harmonized Data Set—the world's largest neurodegeneration proteomics resource spanning AD, PD, ALS, and FTD with nearly 300 million measurements. Generate insights on disease detection, progression tracking, or therapeutic targets via AD Workbench.

[Take the Challenge](#)

Alzheimer's Association Global Real-World Data Platforms Program (ALZ-RWD)

Application Deadline: January 28, 2026

Award Amount: \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 for 12-24 months

The Alzheimer's Association seeks proposals to develop, expand, and align real-world data platforms' infrastructure, data, and impact globally. Awards range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 for 12-24 month projects supporting platform development, data collection, integration, analysis, and utilization. Priority given to proposals enhancing global harmonization and advancing health equity.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

NIA Small Research Grant Program for the Next Generation of Researchers in AD/ADRD Research

Application Deadline: February 16, 2026

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000 per year for up to two years

The National Institute on Aging invites applications from investigators without major AD/ADRD awards to conduct innovative pilot studies. This program specifically aims to support early-stage investigators and established researchers new to the field. The program covers diverse topics including basic science, clinical research, health disparities, systems biology, caregiver research, and early-stage clinical trials.

[Apply Today](#)

Glenn Foundation Discovery Award

Letter of Intent Deadline: February 18, 2026

Award Amount: \$555,000 over three years (\$185,000/year)

AFAR awards up to two three-year grants of \$555,000 (\$185,000/year) supporting pioneering research on biological mechanisms of normal human aging and healthspan. Open to Assistant Professors or higher with established R01 or equivalent funding. Applications evaluated on potential to yield new biological discoveries or establish clinically relevant approaches addressing human aging and healthspan.

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