



*Working together to link individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias to a community of learning, services and support.*

**Benefits to:  
specialists, physicians  
and other health  
professionals**

- ★ First Link® lets health professionals focus on the medical aspects of dementia care. Staff at the Alzheimer Society can provide ongoing support, education and help in navigating the health care system.
- ★ The Alzheimer Society is able to provide information about issues that arise such as driving and advanced care planning.
- ★ This partnership provides a holistic approach to care, and may result in fewer unplanned visits to a physician's office or other medical facilities.

**Benefits to:  
patients**

**Early access to information, services and support.**

Early intervention provides an opportunity for people with dementia to have a voice in planning for their own care while they are still able to do so.

**Ongoing support throughout the continuum of the disease.**

Continued access to the Alzheimer Society gives care partners the information they need as the disease progresses.

**Helps to reduce the overall incidence and intensity of caregiving crisis situations.**

Care partners report they are more knowledgeable about expectations and are more confident in their caregiving role.

**Benefits to:  
the health system**

- ★ Patients are connected to services at a local level for a more community-based, integrated continuum of care.
- ★ The hope is that early intervention through education and support will delay placement in a long-term care setting, reducing costs for the health care system.