Without medical breakthroughs, the number of Americans living with Alzheimer’s will more than triple from 5 million in 2016 to 16 million in 2050.†

Research on Alzheimer’s disease, like all medical research, spans a continuum, from basic science to care delivery. These disciplines exist in an ecosystem, and success across all disciplines is the key to finding a cure:

- **Basic research** increases our knowledge about how living organisms work and what causes diseases.

- **Translational research** draws from basic scientific discoveries to form a deeper understanding of disease biology in patient populations, and forms the foundation for clinical research and development.

- **Clinical research** includes the rigorous study of potential new treatments in patients to ensure safety, understand dosing, evaluate side effects, and determine efficacy. Clinical research relies upon sound hypotheses and, in many cases, biomarkers identified in the translational process.

- **Population-based research** addresses health in communities where people live, work, learn and play.

- **Health services research** studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to and the quality and costs of health care.

Alone, any single type of research will not bring us closer to a cure; their combined power in a robust research ecosystem will.

This event is widely attended and relevant to official duties.

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