

**Attachment 6**

1985.11 : Technology and Aging in America  
 PIC ID: 2588.3      START/END DATES: 85-11,87-03    SPONSOR: X-OTA  
 PROJECT TITLE:

Technology and Aging in America

REPORT TITLE:

Lossing a Million Minds: Confronting the Tragedy of Alzheimer's Disease  
 and Other Dementias

PERFORMER: Office of Technology Assessment,  
 Washington D.C. 20510

ABSTRACT:

The economic, social, and health problems associated with disorders that cause deterioration of mental function (dementia) are growing rapidly; 1983 estimates of the cost of providing long-term care nationwide are approximately \$44 billion yearly with \$12 billion derived from federal sources. Disorders leading to dementia account for an estimated 30%-50% of these costs. These figures and the other costs associated with dementia threaten to rise rapidly as the proportion of those over 75 years old continues to increase much faster than other age groups. This assessment considered federal support of basic research intended to provide treatment or means of prevention and federal financing and monitoring of long-term care for those who have dementia. The assessment surveyed the status of basic biomedical research and health services research and evaluated the methods for providing long-term care of those who develop dementia. The study addressed various options such as home care, day care, respite care, adoptive care, and domiciliary care in addition to nursing-home care. Particular attention was focused on evaluating methods for optimizing care of demented patients in the various settings (including federal and private responsibilities for financing quality assurance). Pub. No. OTA-BA-323. See also PIC ID Nos. 2588-2588.2 and 2746. (Final report 538 pages; executive summary 76 pages.)

PROGRAMS EVALUATED:

1. PHS-NIH-Biomedical Research-Institute Specific-Neurological Disorders and Stroke

DESCRIPTORS: Biomedical Research  
 Nervous System Disorders  
 Federal Role  
 Aging Process  
 Long-Term Care

STUDY TYPE(S): Program Strategy

ENTRY-DATES: 93-04, -      STATUS: CFE

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COST: FY --\$      FY --\$      FY --\$      FY --\$      FY --\$

FUND SOURCE: Other

MECHANISM: In-house

PROJECT NO:

CONTRACT/GRANT NO: NA

NTIS NO: PIC Only

ERIC NO: PIC Only

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1989.09 : Confused Minds, Burdened Families: Finding Help for People with Alzheimer's

PIC ID: 3911 START/END DATES: 89-09,90-07 SPONSOR: X-OTA

PROJECT TITLE:

Confused Minds, Burdened Families: Finding Help for People with Alzheimer's  
Disease

REPORT TITLE:

Confused Minds, Burdened Families: Finding Help for People with Alzheimer's  
Disease

PERFORMER: Office of Technology Assessment,  
Washington D.C. 20510

ABSTRACT:

This study analyzes the problem of locating and arranging services for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and presents a framework for a system to connect them to appropriate services. Surveys of family caregivers of people with dementia and comments by an advisory panel revealed that (1) family caregivers have great difficulty locating services; (2) an effective system to link people with dementia to services must include public education, information and referral, outreach, and case management; and (3) such a system must be uniformly identifiable throughout the country, available throughout the course of the patient's illness, able to serve long distance caregivers, and able to develop and maintain an accurate list of services and sources of funding for services. Recommendations included that Congress establish this linkage system, identify and reduce barriers to coordination and integration of services caused by federal regulations, and allow states and local governments greater flexibility to pool funds and consolidate services from federal programs. Additional policy issues that need to be considered by Congress include whether (1) the linkage system should serve people with dementia exclusively; (2) the agencies that constitute the system also should provide the services; and (3) the system should be concerned with the quality of services to which it links people with dementia. (Final report 383 pages plus appendices.)

PROGRAMS EVALUATED:

1. X-None

DESCRIPTORS: Information Systems  
Alzheimer's Disease  
Needs and Needs Assessment  
Health Care Delivery Systems  
Access to Services  
Elderly  
Aging Process

STUDY TYPE(S): Research and Data Development

ENTRY-DATES: 92-08, - STATUS: CFE

PROJECT OFFICER:

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COST: FY --\$ FY --\$ FY --\$ FY --\$ FY --\$

FUND SOURCE: Other

MECHANISM: In-house

PROJECT NO:

CONTRACT/GRANT NO: NA

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