



Aging and Alzheimer's disease

Fast Facts

- Alzheimer's affects as many as 5.2 million Americans. It is progressive, fatal, and is currently the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, surpassing diabetes, according to the Alzheimer's Association
- 10 million baby boomers will develop Alzheimer's in their lifetimes
- Every 71 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's
- Alzheimer's affects people of all races, creeds and socio-economic levels. Did you know Rita Hayworth, Norman Rockwell, Ronald Reagan and Rosa Parks all suffered from Alzheimer's?
- The direct and indirect costs of Alzheimer's and other dementias to Medicare, Medicaid and businesses amount to more than \$148 billion each year
- Almost 10 million Americans provide unpaid care for a person with Alzheimer's or another dementia disease. In 2007, they provided 8.4 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at \$89 billion
- Texas alone will see a 26 percent increase in the number of citizens with Alzheimer's, from 270,000 in the year 2000, to 340,000 in 2010
- The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 57.8 million baby boomers will be living in the year 2030. That year, boomers will be between ages 66 and 84
- By 2011, the number of Americans 65 and older will double
- By 2050 14 million Americans and more than 36 million worldwide are expected to have Alzheimer's disease

For more information about the UNT Health Science Center's work in aging and Alzheimer's disease, contact the media office at 817-735-2446.

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The University of North Texas Health Science Center comprises the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the School of Public Health, and the School of Health Professions. Key research areas include aging and Alzheimer's disease, cancer and physical medicine. This year, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was named a top 50 medical school in primary care by *U.S. News & World Report* for the seventh consecutive year. "Fort Worth's medical school and more" contributes \$500 million to the Tarrant County and Texas economies annually. For more information, go to <http://www.hsc.unt.edu/>