

Cure

The first step towards a cure for [dementia](#) is to develop effective [treatments](#) - they may not stop or reverse the condition but they do at least give temporary respite and relief.

A great deal of research is aimed at development of better treatments that could delay, cure or even prevent dementia. All new treatments pass through rigorous [clinical trials](#) before they can be licensed for use.



Key Research: Drug Discovery programme

In May 2011, Alzheimer's Society launched its [Drug Discovery programme](#).

This is a large, long-term project that aims to test three drugs, currently licensed for use in other conditions, in clinical trials for the treatment of [Alzheimer's disease](#).

Our innovative approach means that new, better treatments could be available in just seven years, bringing hope to [people with dementia](#) and their [carers](#).

Current Projects

Alzheimer's Society funds four [types of research grant](#): Project grants; Research fellowships; PhD studentships; Dissemination grants. Below is a list of our current research projects sorted by grant type.

You can also see our [current](#) and [completed](#) research sorted by different categories.

Projects

- [Testing the effect of the diabetes drug Liraglutide in Alzheimer's disease](#) (Imperial College London)
- [How can we change stem cells into brain cells?](#) (University of Nottingham)
- [A novel approach to protecting nerve cells in Alzheimer's disease](#) (University of Leeds)
- [Investigating Dimebon, a promising new drug for Alzheimer's disease](#) (University of Cardiff)
- [Stimulating brain stem cells to repair damaged nerve cells](#) (Institute of Psychiatry, KCL)

Fellowships

- [Understanding the genetic link between dementia and Down's Syndrome](#) (Institute of Psychiatry, KCL)

PhD studentships

- [How do stem cells become brain cells?](#) (University of Nottingham)

Alzheimer's Society National Dementia Helpline

England, Wales and Northern Ireland: 0300 222 11 22

9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday

10.00am-4.00pm Saturday-Sunday

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