ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

Alzheimer’s disease is one of Lundbeck’s key focus disease areas. Alzheimer’s disease is the most common neurodegenerative disorder and occurs most frequently in people over 65 years. Alzheimer’s disease is the most common neurodegenerative disorder. Over the cause of the disease large areas of the brain degenerate, resulting in cellular loss and dysfunction, a gradual loss of memory, problems with reasoning or judgment, disorientation, difficulty in learning, loss of language skills and decline in the ability to perform routine tasks.¹

48 million people worldwide have dementia. Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause of dementia and may contribute to 60-70% of cases.¹

It is predicted that the number of people affected by dementia will almost double every 20 years.

The total global societal costs of dementia are estimated to be USD 604 billion.¹

Electrode and plug are connected to a person. It is shown as three people walking next to each other. The electrocardiogram is shown in the background.

The total number of people with dementia is projected to 75 million in 2030 and by the year 2050, 135 million people will have the condition.³

People with Alzheimer’s live an average of 8 years after their symptoms become noticeable to others.

Projected number of people with dementia

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¹ http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs362/en/ (December 2016)


³ http://www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_what_is_alzheimers.asp (December 2016)