

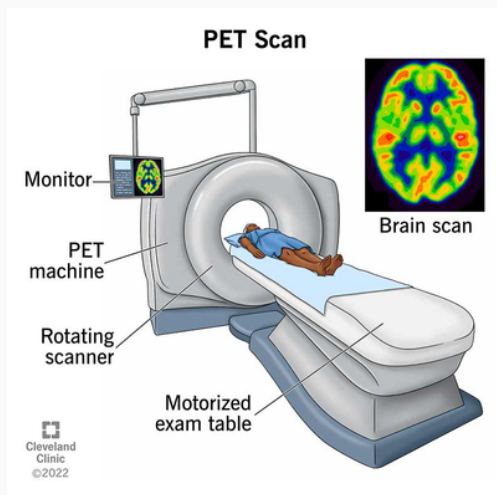
PANDA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING ALZHEIMER'S 'N DEMENTIA ASSISTANCE

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Encouragement to Start Your Day

"While no one can change the outcome of Dementia or Alzheimer's, with the right support you can change the journey."
-Tara Reed



Recent National Dementia News

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Coverage (CMS) have recently updated their policy on pet scans to make them more accessible to those who are suspected to have Alzheimer's. This policy change can then allow a person with dementia to be prescribed the new FDA approved drug *Leqembi* which can help slow symptoms of Alzheimer's!

To read more:

www.alz.org/news/2023/medicare-covers-pet-imaging-alzheimers-diagnosis

In-office News

PANDA Project hired Ivy Rogers as a Care Manager in October. She will be a great support to the program as PANDA continues to add clients.





Event Recaps

PANDA Project gave a presentation about dementia at Caregiver College on Nov. 2, 2023. Caregiver College is an annual event that provides caregivers an opportunity to socialize with other caregivers, networking with local resources and lunch.

Upcoming Events

Discovering Dementia presentation coming soon to local schools! This presentation will educate students on what dementia is and has a virtual component that allows students to experience what it's like for someone living with dementia.

PANDA Continues to Grow

To date, the PANDA project has enrolled 64 persons with dementia and over 55 caregivers.

Dementia Supportive Item Spotlight

Communication Boards feature images of common items and are used by nonverbal clients to communicate their needs. PANDA recently provided a communication board as well as many other items that help clients maintain their independence.



Local Resource Spotlight

Respite and support groups:

Caring Days (Adult Day Care)

www.caringdays.org/

Connect: Where Love Never Forgets (Socialization Program)

www.christchurch1828.org/connect

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