



**AGE IS THE
#1 RISK
FACTOR FOR
DEVELOPING
DEMENTIA**

**BY 2030, 1 IN 5 OREGONIANS
WILL BE AGE 65+**

**Estimated number of
Oregonians currently
living with dementia**

Age 65 - 75 = 1 in 20

Age 75 - 85 = 1 in 10

Age 85+ = 1 in 3

**Dementia
education for
healthcare
professionals can
improve care equity
and lower costs**



**50% OF DEMENTIA PATIENTS GO
UNDIAGNOSED**

**Black and Hispanic older adults are
more likely to have a missed diagnosis**

**ANNUAL DEMENTIA COSTS IN
OREGON**

\$23K per capita in Medicare dollars

\$253M in Medicaid dollars

\$4.4B in unpaid caregiver time

**Early diagnosis of
dementia can greatly
reduce healthcare
costs by**

**\$64K per person over
a lifetime**



State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Oregon (SPADO)

2022 Survey of Oregon Primary Care Providers on Dementia Care

Issues of concern:

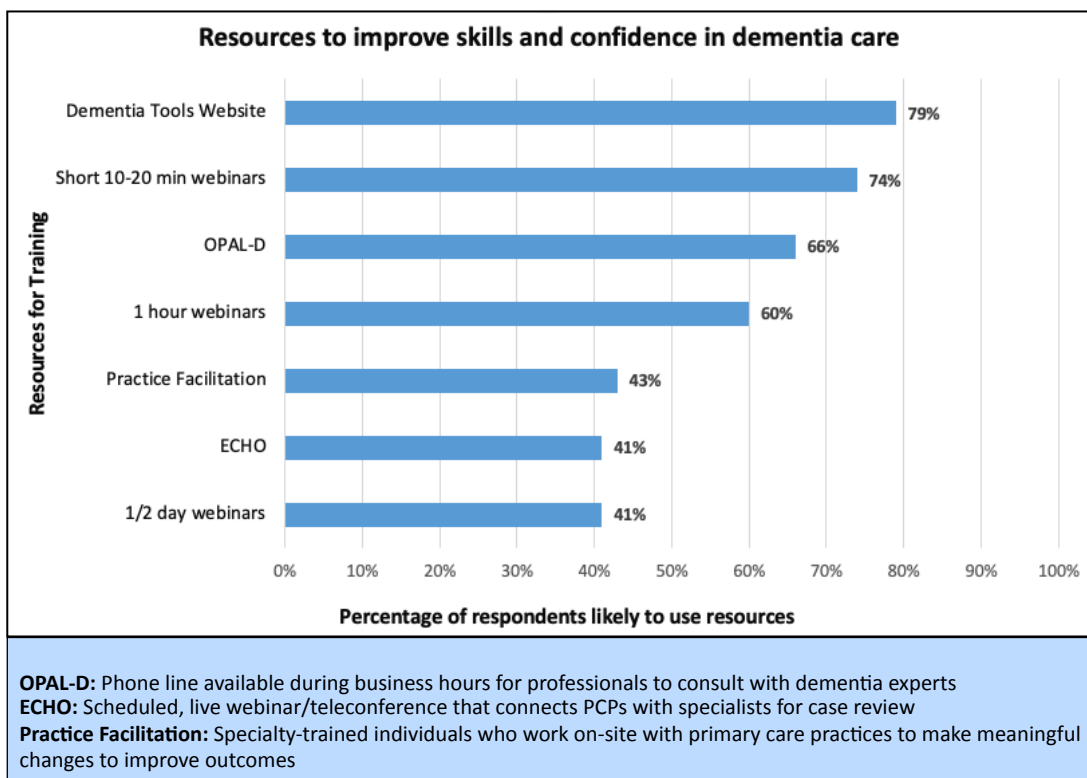
- Most Oregonians with Alzheimer's or other dementias receive their care from primary care providers.
- There are few neurology, geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry specialists across the state to help diagnose and manage the care of persons with dementia.
- Primary care providers often have limited training in dementia care.
- The number of Oregonians with dementia is growing every year.

Background:

The SPADO 2A Workgroup surveyed primary care providers in Oregon regarding their ability to diagnose and manage dementia as well as gather opinions regarding resources to expand their skills and confidence.

Key findings:

- 301 providers completed the survey from 30 counties across Oregon.
- 59% of providers expressed a limited ability to diagnose dementia.
- 67% of providers expressed an average or lower level of comfort managing the comprehensive care of patients with dementia.
- 79% of providers would be interested in having access to dementia tools on a central website to support their care of persons with dementia.



Takeaways:

- Oregon primary care providers are not comfortable with their current skills in diagnosing and managing dementia.
- They are very interested in a website that provides access to tools and resources for this care.
- They are also interested in ongoing dementia care education, particularly short self-paced webinars and 1-hour webinars.
- SPADO 2A workgroup remains committed to its goal of providing these educational resources to support Oregon primary care providers to better meet the care needs of people with dementia.