

# *Société Alzheimer Society*

**Title of Study:**

Improving the Care of Older Adults Living with Dementia across Canada During the COVID Pandemic: A mixed methods study to inform policy and practice.

**Location:** Quebec and Ontario

**Study Description:**

This project aims to develop relevant recommendations for people living with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will distribute a survey about patient's experience with care and support received during the pandemic and conduct interviews with patients and caregivers to deepen our understanding of their experiences.

Results will be discussed with a group of researchers, policy makers, clinicians and persons living with dementia and caregivers. We will develop relevant recommendations for diminishing the impact of COVID-19 in persons living with dementia.

**What will happen during the study?**

There are several ways you can be involved, including:

- Identifying and prioritizing research questions/variables that are meaningful to you
- Helping in developing data collection tools (such as the interview guides), collecting data and recruiting participants
- Helping interpret the results

Your participation will consist of a few 2-hour meetings over the course of 1 year, but you can always withdraw and join back!

**Eligibility: Who Can Participate?**

People with a diagnosis of dementia and caregivers of people with a diagnosis of dementia are eligible to participate. Every type of dementia and all caregiving experiences are important – and we need to hear from you.

It doesn't matter if you've just been diagnosed, or if you've been living with dementia for a decade or longer. Your voice is essential, and we want it to be in this conversation.

We are looking for a diverse group of people with lived experience to reflect the diversity of people living in Quebec and Ontario. We would like to include a range of genders, sexualities and ethnicities, as well as a range of dementia experiences.

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Caregivers/care partners, both current and former, of people living with dementia are asked to join us as their experiences as carers can also inform our work.

**Recruitment Start Date:** October 7, 2020

**Recruitment End Date:** December 15, 2020

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