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Precision Medicine Briefing

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WHO WE ARE


The Alliance for Aging Research is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating the pace of scientific discoveries and their application in order to vastly improve the universal human experience of aging and health.

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Alzheimer's Disease

- Progressive, fatal form of dementia that causes memory loss, cognitive impairment, and behavioral problems
- Affects more than 5 million Americans
- Devastating to patients and their families, including the very high cost of care
- Number of people with the disease is expected to triple over the next three decades
- Finding effective treatments is an urgent public health goal



ACT-AD
Accelerate Cure/Treatments for Alzheimer's Disease

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"We absolutely have to stop this disease - **there is just no choice.** As a nation, **we have to end it now.**"
- David Shenk, Author, *The Forgetting*

ACT-AD is a coalition of committed national organizations seeking to accelerate the development of potential cures and treatments to slow, halt or reverse the progression of Alzheimer's disease through research.

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**Targeted Drug Development:
Why Are Many Diseases Lagging Behind?**

July 2015

U. S. Food and Drug Administration



**FDA's Assessment of Targeted Drug
Development for AD**

Scientific knowledge is in its infancy

Diagnostic biomarkers = No

Prognostic biomarkers=No

Theranostic biomarkers=No

Effective therapy is FDA priority=Yes!

Available at: [http://www.fda.gov/
aboutfda/reportsmanualsforms/
reports/ucm454955.htm](http://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/reportsmanualsforms/reports/ucm454955.htm)

ACT-AD

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8th Annual FDA/Alzheimer's Disease Allies Meeting

*Assessing the Scientific Foundation for
Alzheimer's Disease Therapeutic Development*

Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
Bethesda, MD 20852

September 16, 2015

Meeting Objectives

- Examine lessons from pioneering studies that incorporated Alzheimer's disease biomarkers and surrogate endpoints
- Explore how genetics and processes like neuroprotection, immunity, metabolism, and inflammation are changing the conceptualization of Alzheimer's disease
- Improve prospects for success by focusing on target validation, disease models, endpoint selection and effect size

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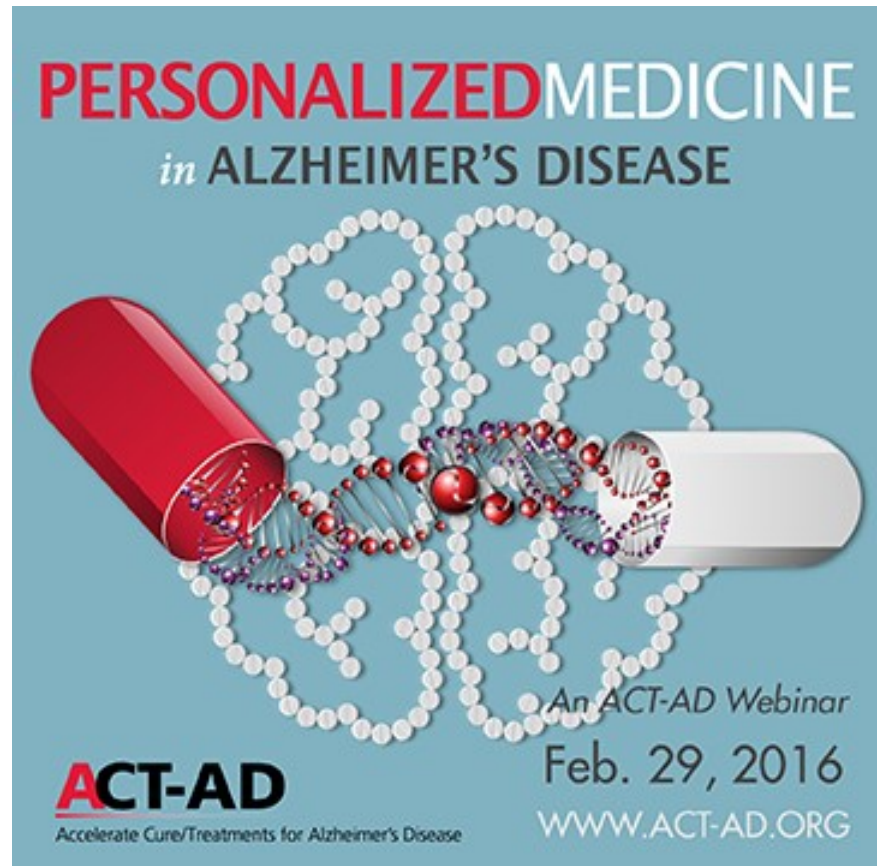
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Available at: <http://act-ad.org/activities/webinar-on-personalized-medicine-and-alzheimers-disease/>

Signs of Progress

- Current Phase III studies for disease-modifying treatments in early AD incorporated lessons from past trials regarding enrichment strategies and endpoints
- Prevention trials already underway testing the validity of patient's genetic profile in determining risk and accuracy of imaging biomarkers in demonstrating treatment efficacy
- Increased funding for research focused on validating biomarkers and interrogating alternative targets for drug development
- Regulators open to considering expedited approval pathways once evidence supports that a biomarker change is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit

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Thank you for your attention.
Questions? Comments?

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