



Newsletter #28 – September 2024

INTRODUCTION

In this month's newsletter, we have focused primarily on the new drugs that have come to market along with a series of links to the FDA website. As one who worked as a consultant to the FDA, I think you will find these articles informative. With our elections coming up soon we thought the last article was particularly appropriate.

Being Patient

Drugmaker Athira was trying a fresh approach to Alzheimer's treatment. But their experimental drug, designed to protect brain cells for people with moderate Alzheimer's, has failed out of trials.

<https://www.beingpatient.com/athiras-alzheimers-drug-fails/>.

By the time you get a diagnosis, it's already too late to benefit from the newest Alzheimer's drugs. Scientists are racing to develop new options for patients in Alzheimer's later stages.

<https://www.beingpatient.com/the-race-to-treat-late-stage-alzheimers/>.

Here's a primer on all the approved Alzheimer's drugs designed to treat symptoms or slow disease progression — and a peek ahead at some of those in the pipeline.

<https://www.beingpatient.com/alzheimers-medications-fda-approved/>.

Food and Drug Administration

Development & Approval Process - Drugs

www.fda.gov/drugs/development-approval-process-drugs.

Fast Track, Breakthrough Therapy, Accelerated Approval, Priority Review

<https://www.fda.gov/patients/learn-about-drug-and-device-approvals/fast-track-breakthrough-therapy-accelerated-approval-priority-review>.

Frequently Asked Questions on Popular Topics

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/information-consumers-and-patients-drugs/frequently-asked-questions-popular-topics>.

Medical News Today

New study challenges established cause of Alzheimer's disease

- A main theory behind the cause of Alzheimer's disease is the build-up of the protein amyloid-beta in the brain.
- Researchers from the University of Cincinnati provide evidence suggesting it's the lessening of amyloid-beta in the brain that is behind cognitive decline.
- Scientists believe that boosting brain protein amounts may offer cognitive benefits.

https://www.freshdirect.com/p/hmr_pid_3750784?region_id=0000100001&servicetype=home&TSAPROMO=FRE.

Penn Memory Center

Assisting cognitively impaired individuals with voting: A quick guide

Navigating the voting process can be particularly challenging for individuals with cognitive impairments such as Alzheimer's disease or other brain disorders. The Penn Memory Center, in collaboration with the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging, has developed a quick guide to assist individuals with cognitive impairments in voting.

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_aging/publications/bifocal/vol-42/vol-42--issue-1--september-october-2020-/assisting-cognitively-impaired-individuals-with-voting---a-quick/