

Care and Treatment of Alzheimer's Patients

Check the statements that agree with the textbook. Rewrite the other statements so that they agree.

- _____ 1. Alzheimer's disease is a failure of nerve cells in the brain to communicate with one another.
- _____ 2. Alzheimer's patients have very low amounts of an enzyme that signals the production of the chemical acetylcholine.
- _____ 3. Acetylcholine is necessary for nerve impulses to be carried from one neuron to the next.
- _____ 4. The brains of Alzheimer's patients use more oxygen than normal.
- _____ 5. Alzheimer's disease causes severe memory loss.
- _____ 6. Current evidence suggests that Alzheimer's disease is not inherited.
- _____ 7. Some researchers believe that a defective chromosome may cause Alzheimer's disease.
- _____ 8. Diagnosing Alzheimer's disease is easy since no other disorders have the same symptoms.
- _____ 9. Children of Alzheimer's patients have less of a chance of developing the disease than others.
- _____ 10. It is estimated that there are about 4 million people in the United States with Alzheimer's disease.
- _____ 11. Caregivers of Alzheimer's disease often suffer severe health problems due to the stress involved in taking care of the patient.
- _____ 12. Medicare and Medicaid programs always cover the costs incurred by the average Alzheimer's patient.
- _____ 13. It is likely that the number of people afflicted with Alzheimer's disease will decrease in the future.
- _____ 14. Some people feel that federal funds should be made available to help pay for the care of Alzheimer's patients.