

# WHY TO REFER: HOW YOU AND YOUR PATIENT BENEFIT!

Physicians often feel challenged by structural constraints in caring for dementia patients (Hinton et al. 2007). The Shiley-Marcos ADRC understands the challenges facing community physicians and offers a structured program to address these challenges and frustrations of both physicians and patients.

Practice Constraints for Physicians	Shiley-Marcos ADRC Referral Solutions
Limited time and low reimbursement	Confidential no-cost neuropsychological evaluation for eligible patients with no added time burden for you~
Difficulty accessing specialists	Multidisciplinary team of dementia specialists offers a thorough research evaluation to qualifying patients with diagnosed dementia or possible pre-clinical dementia~
Difficulty communicating with specialists about your patient	Participants receive information about annual evaluation results and may share this information with you to help in care decisions~
Difficulty connecting with community and social service agencies	Participants have access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Social work consultation</li> <li>➤ Quality of life programs</li> <li>➤ Support groups for persons with memory loss and their families</li> </ul>
Limited treatment options	Participants may have the opportunity to take part in clinical trials examining promising symptomatic and treatment approaches in dementia care~

Hinton, L., Franz, C.E., Reddy, G., Flores, Y., Kravitz, & Barker, J.C. (2007). Practice constraints, behavioral problems, and dementia care: Primary care physicians' perspectives. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 22, 1487-1492.

