

Supplementary Materials for

The Italian fund for Alzheimer's and other dementias: strategies and objectives to face the dementia challenge

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Activities	Background and methodology	Objectives	Stakeholders
1 - To develop a guideline for the assessment, management and support of people with dementia and their families/caregivers	A multidisciplinary panel will be set up. A developer, co-developer, and an Evidence Review Team will be established. Documentalists, experts in bio-ethics and economy will be also included.	1) The guideline, following the 2018 NICE guideline, will be updated and adapted according to the needs of the Italian territory, to improve recommendations for diagnosis, treatment and management of dementia patients. 2) Developing of an interactive care pathway following the recommendations elaborated in the guideline to facilitate their reading, comprehension and implementation. 3) Developing of an information brochure for patients and their families and caregivers to facilitate the dissemination.	a) ISS b) Ministry of Health
2 - Update of the Italian National dementia plan	1) A critical appraisal of the DNP from other countries and international organizations to identify topics in dementia not yet addressed by the Italian Plan 2) A critical evaluation of all Regional Resolutions related to the adoption and implementation of the Italian DNP will be carried out.	Update of the Italian DNP following recent scientific advances in the field of prevention and early diagnosis and in the organization and provision of care services.	a) ISS b) Ministry of Health
3 - Implementation of the documents drafted by the Permanent Table for National dementia plan	1) A survey to all regional representatives will be conducted on dementia topic to identify all issues with regard to the implementation and dissemination of the documents drafted by the Permanent Table for dementia. 2) Courses and seminars as well as informative material will be organized in collaboration with all the Permanent Table.	The objective is to ensure that Regions and APs included in their local planning the recommendations coming from these documents, at the same time evaluating their actual implementations.	a) ISS b) Ministry of Health c) Regions and APs
4 - Surveys dedicated to the Italian Dementia Services	Regional representatives will be contacted to participate in the update of all list of Dementia services. A questionnaire will be addressed to develop structure, process, and outcome indicators to supervise levels of assistance and care management.	1) To update the online map of Dementia care services. 2) To identify possible issues related to the structural and human resources in Dementia care services within the Italian territories.	a) ISS b) Regions and APs c) CCDDs, NHs, DDCs
5 - Promoting strategies of primary and secondary prevention	An estimate of the number of MCI patients will be evaluated for all regions and APs. The surveillance system PASSI and ISTAT will be used to define the prevalence of the twelve risk factors for dementia.	1) To provide policymakers the most robust scientific evidence with regard to primary and secondary prevention strategies for dementia. 2) To develop information campaigns to facilitate the inclusion of everyone, including marginalized people and individuals carrying specific risk factors.	a) ISS b) Regions and APs
6 - Education and training of healthcare professionals and family members of patients with dementia	A survey to patients with MCI/dementia and their families will be conducted throughout the Italian regions with the support of family and patients associations. Then, focus groups will be carried out in the Italian territorialities with the dementia care specialists, patients, and caregivers.	1) To gain insight into the conditions and challenges of family caregivers of patients with dementia in order to design structured training courses focused on the main care needs. 2) To extend the training package of the Dementia Observatory by including two further courses: one specifically for healthcare workers involved in dementia care and one for patients' families and caregivers.	a) ISS b) Regions and APs c) Family and patients associations
7 - Creating a National Dementia Information System	A core set of clinical information will be identified to define the national electronic record for dementia. An algorithm for the identification of persons with dementia based on a large number of data from NHIS will be validated	To define a national electronic record for dementia standardized across Regions/APs and integrate it within the NHIS	a) ISS b) Ministry of Health c) Regions and APs
8 - Evaluation and monitoring of the plans of the Italian Regions	Regions and APs will be funded to present projects aimed at implementing Public Health interventions in the field of dementia	Evaluation and monitoring of the interventions foreseen in the three-year activity plan of the regions and APs through the acquisition of reports every six months.	a) ISS b) Regions and APs

APs: Autonomous Provinces; DNP: Dementia National Plan; ISTAT: National Institute of statistics; ISS: the Italian National Institute of Health; NICE: National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (UK); MCI: Mild cognitive impairment; NHIS: New Health Information System; CCDDs: Centres for Cognitive Disorders and Dementias; NHs: nursing homes; DDCs: dementia day centres.