



From the Scientific Director of TARCC: Overview of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT)

Advancing the Future of Brain Health in Texas

The *Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT)* is a landmark statewide initiative dedicated to accelerating research, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Created by the Texas Legislature and funded through a voter-approved investment, DPRIT represents one of the largest state commitments to brain health research in United States history. DPRIT was established to support innovative research and scientific discovery related to Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders. By investing in cutting-edge science and fostering collaboration among leading academic medical centers, research institutions, healthcare organizations, and industry partners, DPRIT aims to position Texas as a national leader in neuroscience and dementia research.

Why DPRIT Matters

Dementia affects hundreds of thousands of Texans and places a substantial burden on families, caregivers, healthcare systems, and communities across the state. As Texas' population continues to grow and age, the need for effective prevention strategies, earlier diagnosis, better treatments, and ultimately cures has never been greater. DPRIT was created in response to this growing public health challenge and to accelerate progress against diseases that impact cognition, memory, behavior, and quality of life.

Key Goals of DPRIT

- Advance dementia research by supporting innovative scientific studies and clinical investigations.
- Accelerate translation and commercialization of promising discoveries into real-world treatments and technologies.
- Attract and retain world-class researchers and strengthen Texas' research infrastructure.

- Promote collaboration among institutions, clinicians, scientists, patients, and community organizations.
- Improve the health and well-being of Texans through breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care.

A Transformational Opportunity

Modeled in part on the success of Texas' cancer research initiatives, DPRIT is expected to drive major scientific advances while also creating new opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and workforce development across the state. By supporting research that spans basic science, clinical trials, prevention programs, and health services research, DPRIT seeks to accelerate discoveries that will benefit Texans today and future generations.

TARCC and DPRIT

The Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) welcomes the opportunities created by DPRIT to strengthen dementia research and improve outcomes for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. As Texas expands its commitment to brain health research, collaborations among leading institutions, investigators, and community partners will be essential to advancing scientific discovery and translating research into meaningful improvements in patient care.



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