Understanding Dementia

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In Massachusetts and New Hampshire, 144,000 individuals age 65 and older have Alzheimer’s disease. This number does not include the maybe thousands more with related dementias.

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