# Indiana Palliative Excellence in Alzheimer Care Efforts









# What is IN-PEACE?

(IN-PEACE) Indiana Palliative Excellence in Alzheimer Care Efforts is for patients with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. We're looking for people with a caregiver who will join this research study. This study hopes to improve the care of people with memory problems by offering caregivers helpful information and resources.

#### Patients who can sign up:

- Age 65 or older with a doctor's diagnosis of memory problems in the moderate to severe stages
- Have a caregiver who will join the study
- Don't live in a nursing home
- Live in the greater Indianapolis area in a personal home or assisted living facility

#### Caregivers who can sign up:

- English-speaking
- Live with the patient or have contact at least 2 times a week with one time in person
- The primary caregiver helping patient



# What Will I Do?

#### First Interview

Our staff will ask patients and caregivers a list of questions. These questions will be about memory, behavior, pain, and sadness. These first questions may take about 45 minutes at your doctor's office or your home.

### - Short Interview Every 3 Months

We will ask some of these same questions again every 3 months for 2 years. These may take about 25-40 minutes. We can ask these questions at the doctor's office, at home, or on the phone.

After you answer each list of questions, you will receive a grocery gift card as a "thank you."

Half the caregivers will receive a handy **health guide** about managing memory problems and self-care tips for the caregiver, too.

Half the caregivers will receive this guide plus a **Dementia Care Coordinator.** This person will call each month to ask about patient symptoms and answer questions.

### 24-Month Interview

### **ABOUT US**

The Indiana University Center for Aging Research (IUCAR) develops and tests new



ideas to improve the quality and service of healthcare and self-care for older adults. We're working to become the nation's leading academic research center focused on the health and wellbeing of older adults. Meet the team for the IN-PEACE study:



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