

NIA-ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

Dementia due to AD ^a	Memory, thinking, and behavioral symptoms that impair a person's ability to function in daily life.
MCI due to AD ^a	Mild changes in memory and thinking abilities, enough to be noticed and measured, but not impairment that compromises everyday activities and functioning.
Preclinical AD ^b	Measurable changes in biomarkers (such as brain imaging and spinal fluid biomarkers) before symptoms are visible.

^aThe first two definitions are recommended for use in clinical practice, and a functional assessment of the patient is required to make this diagnosis.

^bThis diagnosis is intended for use in research only.

Abbreviations: AD, Alzheimer's disease; MCI, mild cognitive impairment.