



## 10 Things Every Georgian Should Know About Georgia Memory Net



### 1. What is Georgia Memory Net?

**A program supported by the Georgia Department of Health** and managed by the Goizueta Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Emory University.



### 2. What are Georgia Memory Net's goals?

**Diagnosing and Supporting Georgians with Alzheimer's** and related dementias. We help providers get fast diagnoses for their patients, then connect patients with support in their community.



### 3. What is a Memory Assessment Clinic (MAC)?

**A place where Georgians with signs of memory loss and cognitive decline** can get diagnosed, receive treatment plans, and be connected to support organizations in their area.



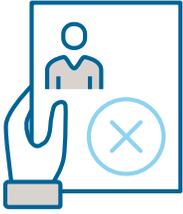
### 4. Where are the Memory Assessment Clinics?

**Our five physical locations** are spread around the state: Albany, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, and Macon. Some referred patients can have their appointments on a smartphone or computer thanks to telemedicine.



### 5. Who might benefit from a GMN referral?

**People with signs of memory loss** who aren't sure if they may have dementia. They or their family may be concerned with their behaviors. Also, cognitive screenings may suggest they'd be good candidates for a GMN referral.



## 6. Who might not benefit from a referral?

**People already diagnosed with dementia**, and patients younger than 50, probably wouldn't benefit from GMN's offerings. People with a history of traumatic brain injury are also unlikely to benefit. These patients should still share their concerns with their Primary Care Provider.



## 7. How do I get a referral?

**Let your Primary Care Provider know** if you are concerned about memory loss or changes in thinking. If you're over 65, these concerns can be addressed during your free Annual Wellness Visit. Either way, ask your PCP if a referral to Georgia Memory Net for diagnosis is appropriate.



## 8. What happens during a MAC visit?

**The first visit is for diagnostic testing and assessment.** Memory Assessment Clinic providers will conduct a variety of screenings. During a second MAC visit patients receive their diagnosis and care plan. The patient and their family members then meet with a Community Services Educator to learn about personalized care recommendations and connections to community support.



## 9. Why a Memory Assessment Clinic instead of a local neurologist?

**Cognitive Neurologists specialize in memory issues**, while General Neurologists must treat a wide range of conditions. MACs are supported by cognitive neurologists and specialists to administer the latest tests, and also have Community Service Educators for important care recommendations.



## 10. What happens after a patient visits a Memory Assessment Clinic?

**Patients return to their Primary Care Providers' care** after receiving their diagnosis, personal care plan, and community care recommendations from the Memory Assessment Clinic.