

## Agitation Associated With Alzheimer's Dementia (AAD): A Focus on Stigma

Over a 30-day period in March-April 2023, we surveyed 194 PsychU members via e-mail to assess stigma associated with AAD.

## Do you currently manage individuals with AAD?

(out of n=192 total responses)

## In which setting do you manage your individuals with AAD?

(out of n=98 responses from individuals who responded "Yes" to "Do you currently manage individuals with AAD?")

50%





Assisted/skilled nursing facility



23%

In the community

65.4% of respondents were healthcare providers and 14.9% identified as caregivers/care partners to an individual diagnosed with Alzheimer's dementia. (out of n=156 total responses)

The data below were generated from individuals who responded "Yes" to "Do you currently manage individuals with AAD?"

91% of respondents believed that there is stigma associated with AAD.



93% of respondents said that stigma associated with AAD negatively impacts patient care.

How did respondents describe stigma in AAD?

"perceived weakness to ask for or admit needing help" "some care providers believe patients with dementia behave in a defiant or noncooperative manner intentionally"

interact with individuals with dementia"

"afraid to

"hard to handle, need sedation" "avoidance of interactions due to behavior leading to isolation and poor care" "staff is not trained sufficiently to work with agitated patients" 96% of respondents reported that the healthcare community needs more educational resources about stigma in AAD.



In summary, our PsychU community identified a stigma associated with AAD that negatively impacts patient care.

PsychU.org is dedicated to fulfilling the unmet need for educational resources on this topic. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://psychu.org/resource-library/stigma/">https://psychu.org/resource-library/stigma/</a>