

# WINNING WORDS



## DeKalb Neurology seeking Alzheimer's research participants

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DeKalb Neurology Associates, located in Decatur, is currently enrolling for upcoming Alzheimer's studies.

CEO Marshall Nash, M.D., said in the past it has been difficult for the group to find participants.

"There are 5 million people in the U.S. with Alzheimer's disease. Probably, within 10 miles of our DeKalb hospital, there is between 10,000 and 100,000 people with Alzheimer's," he said. "All we need is 50 patients to conduct a study, but it's difficult to find those patients."

Nash said he was encouraged by the recent passage of The National Alzheimer's Project Act.

According to a release from the organization, the act "charges an advisory council with creating a national plan coordinating

research and treatment [and] signals the kind of focus that has been directed towards cancer and AIDS."

"Anything that legitimizes Alzheimer's research from the public's point of view is extremely helpful," said Nash.

DeKalb Neurology Associates, located at 2665 N. Decatur Road, Suite 540, work with the doctors of Alzheimer's patients to provide complimentary care, Nash said.

"The group is designed to take patients we're treating in our medical practices and design new treatments," Nash said. "This is what we've been doing for 15 years, but it becomes more of a necessity as the population ages."

Nash said ongoing Alzheimer's research is working to progress past the treatment of symptoms.

"The answer for Alzheimer's is to find what works on multiple path-

ways," he said. "It's analogous to cancer. 10 to 20 years ago, people were looking to prolong survival. Now, people are looking for a cure."

"The key to this is to take this personally," he added. "What would you want if this is your family member?"

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