



The Cost Of Caring For Loved Ones With Alzheimer's

An estimated 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. Caring for patients with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia is estimated to cost the nation as much as \$215 billion. According to a new national survey, a third of family members and friends caring for a loved one with the disease reduced their work hours or quit. And 28% of caregivers eat less or go hungry. The report was released right before an Alzheimer's conference that begins here in Washington today. Diane Rehm and a panel of guests discuss why Alzheimer's is one of the most costly diseases for families and the nation.

Guests

- **George Vradenburg** co-founder and chairman, UsAgainstAlzheimer's, an advocacy organization
- **Michael Hurd** director and senior principal researcher, RAND Corporation Center for the Study of Aging
- **Beth Kallmyer** vice president of constituent services, Alzheimer's Association, an advocacy group
- **Dr. Katalin Roth** associate professor and director, geriatrics and palliative medicine division, The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- **Mark Donham** advocate, Alzheimer's Association; former caregiver to a spouse with Alzheimer's

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