

# COGNITIVE NEUROLOGY AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CENTER

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### **Question and Answer Session**

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## **Miscellaneous**

## 1. Can patients unable to travel participate in tests in association with local neurologists?

Sometimes. Contact the research coordinator at the research site to inquire further. For specific questions regarding PPA research at the CNADC contact: Christina Wieneke: c-wieneke@northwestern.edu.

#### 2. How many known cases of PPA are there?

We do not know how many people are diagnosed with PPA at this time. The CNADC IMPPACT Program (<a href="http://www.ppaconnection.org/">http://www.ppaconnection.org/</a>) is working to identify data like this by collecting information from clinicians caring for those with PPA all over the world.

### 3. How do we find a general practitioner that either understands FTD or is willing to learn about FTD?

Unfortunately, FTD and PPA are not as well known than Alzheimer's disease. You may find it helpful to ask a local neurologist or psychiatrist if they know of a knowledgeable GP in your area or contact the AFTD <a href="http://www.theaftd.org">http://www.theaftd.org</a>.

#### 4. Is FTD/PPA listed in the DSM-IV? If so, in what category?

While not officially listed in DSM-IV, they would be categorized as:

- 294.1 Dementia due to FTD
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