

## **NEW ALZHEIMER'S DRUG**

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TWO NEW DRUGS PROVEN TO SLOW THE PROGRESSION OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ... RECENTLY CLEARED REGULATORY HURDLES AND MAY SOON BECOME AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.

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THAT'S AFTER ANOTHER ALZHEIMER'S MEDICATION STIRRED UP HEADLINES AND CONTROVERSY LAST YEAR AFTER IT'S EFFECTIVENESS WAS CALLED INTO QUESTION.

INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSICIAN DAVID WINTER SAYS THESE NEWLY-APPROVED DRUGS ARE GOOD NEWS FOR THE SIX AND A HALF MILLION AMERICANS LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. HE SAYS THEY ARE SIMILAR TREATMENTS ... AND BOTH ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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Both these are fairly similar drugs; they can slow the progression of Alzheimer's. They don't reverse it; they don't make you better but keep you from getting worse.

A couple things about these – first, they're given by IV. So, they put a needle in your arm and drip it in for an hour or so. You have to meet certain criteria to qualify for this, and they're very expensive.

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MEDICARE IS EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THE TREATMENT ... BUT DOCTOR WINTERS SAYS SO FAR, IT SEEMS PATIENTS WILL NEED TO CONTRIBUTE AS WELL.