

**ALZHEIMERS AWARENESS MONTH
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IN ADDITION TO ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH- NOVEMBER IS ALSO CAREGIVER AWARENESS MONTH- WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE NECESSARY AND DIFFICULT WORK DONE BY THOSE CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ILLNESS- LIKE ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA.

{**TAKE VO**}

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RIGHT NOW- DOCTOR ALAN STEVENS WITH BAYLOR SCOTT AND WHITE IS CONDUCTING STUDIES ON WHAT HE CALLS THE 'BACKBONE' OF ALZHEIMER'S CARE: THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS. HE HOPES THE OUTCOMES WILL BE USED TO SHAPE FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS. ONE THING HE IS STUDYING- HOW TO DELIVER CAREGIVERS THE INFORMATION-THEY NEED... WHEN THEY NEED IT.

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{**TAKE SOT**}

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Good example, I always use is driving. Almost always when someone has dementia, we reach a point where a family has to take away the keys, to stop somebody from driving. Because it's just not safe. Well, that's a very stressful event in the family's life. But if that's what they're facing right now, let's make sure we give them very specific advice of how to deal with issue of driving.

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[THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION ESTIMATES FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND TEXANS ARE CURRENTLY LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA- AND THEY EXPECT THAT NUMBER TO INCREASE BY 20 PERCENT BY 20-25.](#)