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3. Eat like a Mediterranean. Strict adherence to a diet full of Mediterranean components—lots of natural, plant-based foods—like vegetables, legumes, berries and nuts—and limited meats and foods high in saturated fat—can result in a 53% reduction in the rate of Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association

4. Pour a glass of red wine. Polyphenols, chemical compounds found in red wine, may help reduce memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. Planta Medica





5. Drink coffee. Coffee may help boost an enzyme in the brain shown to protect against dementia. Indiana University

6. Lower your blood pressure.

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7. Get your fatty acids. Omega-3 fatty acids found in salmon, anchovies, walnuts and other foods have been shown to help prevent inflammation that is thought to contribute to neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's. BioMed Research International

8. Don't smoke. Chronic cigarette smoking is associated with an increased risk for Alzheimer's disease. The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco



9. Get moving. Regular, moderate exercise can help build up the outer layer of the brain, providing protection against future cognitive decline.

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