Trends in Dementia Diagnosis and Use of Specialty Care Among Community-Living Older Adults With Disabilities

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The article discusses clinical and policy implications. The likelihood of seeing a specialist within 1 year (22%) and 5 years (36%) is low. Of persons diagnosed with dementia, 85% are diagnosed by a non-specialist and the likelihood of seeing a specialist up to 5 years post-diagnosis. The study finds that 36% of persons diagnosed with dementia were diagnosed by a non-specialist, and the likelihood of seeing a specialist within 5 years is low. The article highlights the need for improvements in specialty care access and the importance of addressing system-level barriers to specialty care utilization.